











CONSTITUTION

AND

ADDRESS

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF FRIENDS

In America.

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ADDRESS

TO THE

MEMBERS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

AMONG the many important testimonies which the faithful members of our Religious Society have always borne, and which the mournful events of our own times have rendered peculiarly dear to us, is that to the authenticity, authority, and inestimable value of the Holy Scriptures. We have always held them to be "the only fit outward judge and test in matters of faith and doctrine." We believe, to adopt the language used on one occasion by George Fox, "that they were given forth by the Holy Spirit of God;" "that they are to be read, believed and fulfilled (he that fulfils them is Christ) and they are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ." Every sincere Christian must regard them as the best of books, and their unimpaired preservation to the present day as a compassionate providence of the Almighty. The historical fact cannot be denied, that vital piety has no where, and in no age, continued to mark the character of a people by whom these invaluable records have been neglected. Our Society, while it has always been careful to declare its full belief in the sacredness and authority, has never ceased to impress upon its members the necessity of a careful, serious and habitual perusal of the Holy Scriptures. The advices and epistles of the Yearly Meeting of London recommend the practice in the most earnest manner; as the following extracts, the substance of which is contained in the discipline of all the Yearly Meetings, will fully testify; viz.

1723.—"Inasmuch as the Holy Scriptures are the external means of conveying and preserving to us, an account of the things most surely to be believed, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and the fulfilling of the prophecies relating thereto, we therefore recommend to all Friends, especially elders in the church, and masters of families, that they would, both by example and advice, impress on the minds of the younger, a reverent esteem of those sacred writings, and advise them to a frequent reading and meditating therein."

1732-"We tenderly and earnestly advise and exhort all parents and masters of families, that they exert themselves in the wisdom of God, and in the strength of his love, to instruct their children and families in the doctrines and precepts of the christian religion contained in the Holy Scriptures, and that they excite them to the diligent reading of those sacred writings, which plainly set forth the miraculous conception, birth, holy life, wonderful works, blessed example, meritorious death, and glorious resurrection, ascension, and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: and to educate their children in the belief of these important truths, as well as in the belief of the inward manifestation and operation of the Spirit of God on their own minds, that they may reap the benefit and advantage thereof, for their own peace and everlasting happiness, which is infinitely preferable to all other considerations. We therefore exhort, in the most earnest manner, that all be very careful in this respect; a neglect herein being, in our judgment, very blameworthy."

1740.—"And, dear friends, as much as in you lies, encourage a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures in your families. In them are contained the promises of eternal life and salvation. For, as a steady trust and belief in the promises of God, and a frequent meditation in the law of the Lord, were the preservation of a remnant in old time, so it is even to this day. And, as a distrust and disbelief of the promises of God, and a neglect of his holy law, were the occasion of the complaints made against the Jews, the posterity of Abraham; even so we have reason to fear that the apparent declension, in our time, of true piety and godly zeal, in many places, is too much owing to a disregard of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, and the promises of the Holy Spirit in them recorded."

1743.—"We think it especially necessary at this time, to remind you of the former advices of this meeting, respecting a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures: the doctrines contained in these inspired writings, duly attended to, and firmly impressed upon the minds of our young people, may be a means of preserving them from the danger and infection of such corrupt and irreligious principles, as, having a tendency to the exaltation of self and human abilities, would lessen their dependence on the power and Spirit of God, their only security and preservation."

Yet, notwithstanding the care which has thus been exercised, it is believed that some portions of our Society on this continent, have been, and still are, but scantily supplied with copies of the Bible. This is, no doubt, to be attributed, originally, to the peculiar situation of the

first settlers in a new country, struggling with hardships, and often without the means of obtaining any thing beyond the supply of their mere physical wants. It is accordingly in the newly settled and remote districts that the deficiency is the most obvious and lamentable. In some older and more populous neighbourhoods also, where these privations are no longer felt, the same deficiency in the proper supply of the Scriptures is to be regretted. A single copy, and that of an unwieldy size, is often all that is to be found in a large family. It is not probable, where such is the case, that the rising generation will make the Scriptures their study and delight, nor can any other consequence be expected from it, than a prevalent indifference to, as well as ignorance of, the historical facts, doctrines and precepts contained in Scripture. Friends in the ministry, who have travelled extensively through America, bear witness of the deficiency to which we have adverted; the natural effects of which, have been such as were to be anticipated. We have all witnessed with sorrow, the delusion which has drawn so many into a denial of the divinity, propitiation and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shall we not then, while the mournful events of the few past years are fresh in our recollection and still present with us, endeavour to guard against their recurrence, as far as can be done by the means which are within our power? One of these, we are persuaded, is a more general and accurate acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, and a more diligent and frequent perusal of them, both in the closet and in families. It is believed that no outward means, would, under the divine blessing, have a more powerful tendency to check the growing spirit of levity and scepticism, so obvious amongst many of the youth, than the daily, serious perusal of the Bible; comparing parallel passages, and thus making the sacred penmen each other's commentators; illustrating the prophecies by the record of their fulfilment; and consulting the narratives of the same facts by different historians. Had such a course of reading been generally pursued in the families of Friends, and proper care been taken by parents to interest and inform the minds of their children respecting the doctrines of the christian faith, many, who are now unhappily perplexed with the doubts and difficulties of unbelief, might have been saved from the labyrinth in which they are involved.

Impressed with these considerations, we have formed ourselves into an association by the name of "The Bible Association of Friends in America," and we invite and anticipate your cordial co-operation in our labours. To those who may be disposed to ask whether the ends we have in view, would not be as well or better attained by an union with the members of other religious denominations, who are engaged in this truly christian labour, it will be a sufficient reply, that the present peculiar condition of our religious society appears to us to require an union and concentration of our exertions among ourselves. Those ends, moreover, could not be fully gained by individual association with any other body, not knowing, and not organized for providing for, the wants of our own members. Our efforts will be directed, in the first place. to printing and furnishing to the members of our religious society, an octavo Bible, in large type, on fine paper and with marginal references, a good concordance and family record. However singular it may appear, it is believed to be a fact, that, notwithstanding the numerous reprints of the Bible which have been recently published in this country. there is not now extant any octavo edition, in clear large type and on good paper, containing the valuable marginal

references of Canne, and Brown's concordance, both which are found to be of great practical utility in the profitable perusal of the sacred volume. It may also be remarked, that many of the bibles and testaments used in schools are in a small and indistinct type, and printed on paper of inferior quality, which render them very difficult for children to read, especially such as are beginning to learn. A distaste for the sacred writings is often thus acquired, merely from the form in which they are presented, before the child is of an age duly to appreciate the preciousness of their contents. An edition in a good clear type and on a fair paper, suitable for the use of schools, and withal at a moderate price, is also an important desideratum.

The means by which we propose to carry our views into effect, will be found to be simple and comprehensive. The committee, which will meet in this city, will be entrusted with the general concerns of the association. It is proposed that the business of distribution should be placed principally with the auxiliary societies, one at least, of which, we hope to see formed in every Quarterly Meeting throughout the continent. The terms of subscription, in the auxiliary societies, will be left entirely to the judgment and convenience of the Friends who form them. Every auxiliary will be expected to remit its contributions to the treasurer of the general association, and will be entitled to receive the whole amount of its contributions in Bibles or Testaments at the Society's lowest prices. Any member of the Society of Friends in America, contributing thirty dollars in one payment, or three dollars per annum, whether to the general or to an auxiliary association, shall be considered a member of the Bible Association. And every member of this Association, or of any auxiliary, shall be entitled to a return of one half the amount of his annual or life subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at such prices as the committee may establish.

A copy of the constitution is herewith annexed, as well as a set of rules for the organization of auxiliary associations, which is recommended to the consideration of Friends about to form them; an uniform plan being very desirable.

In the humble hope that the divine blessing may rest upon our endeavours, we recommend these views to the serious consideration of our fellow members throughout this continent, and earnestly solicit their countenance and co-operation.

Signed on behalf of the Bible Association of Friends in America.

Philadelphia, 9th month, 1829.

JONATHAN EVANS. SAMUEL BETTLE. THOMAS STEWARDSON. LEONARD SNOWDON, JOSEPH CRUKSHANK, RICHARD HUMPHREYS, EDWARD RANDOLPH, OTHNIEL ALSOP, GEORGE WILLIAMS, THOMAS P. COPE, JOHN PAUL, JAMES VAUX. TIMOTHY PAXSON, SOLOMON W. CONRAD, ABRAHAM L. PENNOCK, ROBERTS VAUX, JOHN G. HOSKINS, CHARLES ALLEN. ENOCH LEWIS, JASPER COPE,

THOMAS WISTAR, JOHN COX, Burlington, SAMUEL EMLEN. ELLIS YARNALL, ISAAC DAVIS, BENJAMIN COOPER. THOMAS C. JAMES, THOMAS KIMBER. BARTHOLOMEW WISTAR. ISAAC COLLINS, HENRY COPE, THOMAS EVANS. JOHN RICHARDSON, DANIEL B. SMITH, GEORGE STEWARDSON, EDWARD BETTLE, JOB B. REMINGTON, MOSES BROWN. CHARLES S. FOLWELL. JOSEPH SNOWDON.

Subscriptions and donations will be received by Henry Cope, Treasurer to the collecting committee, at the counting house of Henry & Alfred Cope, Walnut street wharf.

ARTICLES

OF THE

CONSTITUTION.

- I. The designation of this Society shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."
- II. The objects of the Association shall be, To encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.
- III. The attention of this Association shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious Society of Friends as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.
- IV. Any person paying the treasurer of this Institution Thirty Dollars at one time, or Three Dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.
- V. The officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and an Acting Committee.
- VI. The Association shall appoint, annually, twentyfour of its members as an acting committee, to conduct its business. They shall be intrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner and at such prices as they may judge proper, consistent with

the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies in the list of officers, or of the committee, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and the minutes of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association at its annual meetings.

VII. A committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with societies, or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the acting committee, to which the correspondence shall be submitted at its stated meetings.

VIII. The treasurer shall pay all orders drawn by the Association, or the acting committee; and shall make an annual report in the Fourth-month, to the latter, of his receipts and expenditures during the year.

IX. All the officers of the Association shall be, ex officio, members of the acting committee; and nine members shall constitute a quorum.

- X. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one half of his annual or life subscription in bibles or testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, under such regulations as the acting committee may establish.
- XI. Such members of the religious Society of Friends as may form themselves into bible associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.
 - XII. The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the

treasurer of this association shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in bibles or testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee: but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary societies, complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the annual meetings of the Bible Association.

XIII. Every person paying to the treasurer of an auxiliary society the sum of thirty dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt of such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

XIV. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the third Secondday in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

XV. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an annual meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

XVI. Any member of this Association ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

RULES.

- 1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.
- 2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.
- 3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings.

members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of bibles and testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the 10th article of its constitution, viz. The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in bibles or testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

- 7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in bibles or testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.
- 8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of bibles or testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.
- 9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every Quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of monies collected, and the number of bibles and testaments distributed or required.
- 10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA,

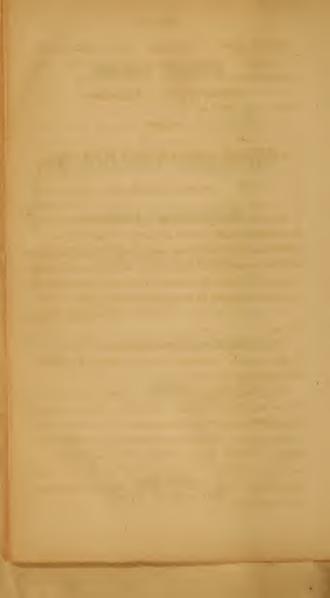
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ON THE EVENING OF THE NINETEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH,

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION, &c.

At an annual meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America, held 4th month 19th, 1830—

Minutes from auxiliary associations within the limits of New-York, Burlington, Bucks, Abington, and Philadelphia Quarterly Meetings, were read, appointing the following delegates to attend this meeting, viz:

New-York.—Joshua Underhill, Mahlon Day, Henry Hinsdale.

Bucks .- John Comfort, James Moon.

Burlington.—Stephen Grellet, Joshua R. Smith, William F. Newbold.

Abington.—Charles Shoemaker, Angus Cameron.

Philadelphia.—Stephen Maxfield, Robert Smith, Jeremiah Willets, Thomas George.

The minutes of the Acting Committee, and their first annual report to the Association, were read. The labours of the Acting Committee, and the success which has attended their exertions, are peculiarly gratifying to the Association.

The following Report was received, and the Committee is released; and the Acting Committee is authorized to receive donations, and to collect the outstanding and annual subscriptions.

"The Collecting Committee of the Bible Association of Friends in America, Report,—That they have obtained subscriptions to the amount of six thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars within the following limits, viz:

Philadelphia Monthly I	Meeting,	\$1888
Northern district do.	do.	1561
Southern district do.	do.	991
Western district do.	do.	1722

Of which \$6052 have been collected and paid to *Henry Cope*, Treasurer of the Association:—the balance \$110, due from three individuals, cannot at present be obtained.

"The sum subscribed embraces 161 life, and 110 annual contributors.

"The Committee request to be released.

"On behalf of the Collecting Committee.

" Philada. 4th Month 17th, 1830.

"EDWARD BETTLE,

"BENJ. H. WARDER,

"THOMAS EVANS,

"ISAAC S. LOYD.

" To the Bible Association of Friends in America."

The Acting Committee is authorized to publish such part of their Annual Report as they may think expedient.

The Nominating Committee made the following Report, which was adopted, and the officers therein named are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year, viz: Secretary.

DANIEL B. SMITH.

Treasurer.

HENRY COPE.

Corresponding Members.

ISAAC COLLINS, THOMAS EVANS, JOHN PAUL.

Acting Committee.

ELLIS YARNALL,
SAMUEL BETTLE,
OTHNIEL ALSOP,
CHARLES ALLEN,
SOLOMAN W. CONRAD,
ISAAC DAVIS,
JOSEPH SNOWDON,
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THOS. C. JAMES,
JASPER COPE,
ABRAHAM L. PENNOCK,
THOS. KIMBER,
THOMAS WOOD,
THOMAS BACON,
GEORGE STEWARDSON,
JOHN G. HOSKINS,
CHAS. S. FOLWELL.

It is unanimously agreed to alter the Constitution, so as to give the Acting Committee the title of Managers.

The Managers are authorized to prepare and keep a regular record of, and grant certificates of membership to the members of the Bible Association.

The following Friends are appointed a Nominating Committee, to propose the names of officers to our next Annual Meeting, viz: Stephen Grellet, Thomas Stewardson, George Williams, Timothy Paxson, Enoch Lewis, Ellis Yarnall, Geo. M. Stroud, and Wm. Burrough.—
(Adjourned.)

REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America-

At the close of the period for which they were chosen, the Acting Committee submit to the Bible Association the following brief summary of their proceedings, of the present situation, and of the prospects of the Institution. Although but five months have elapsed since our appointment, we have great satisfaction in being able to state that considerable progress has been made in the duties more immediately committed to our charge. The amount subscribed to the funds of the Association having warranted us in proceeding immediately to contract with the Stereotype Founders, inquiries were instituted at the principal establishments of the kind in New-York and Philadelphia; and an engagement entered into with Jedediah Howe of this city for casting two sets of plates for the entire Bible and one for the New Testament. The type for all these copies is to be of the size called Small Pica; the first set of the Bible is to be on a superroyal page and to have marginal readings and references; for the second set, and for the New Testament, the types are to be overrun and the page cast of a smaller size without the marginal readings and references. The Testament will be printed on a

duodocimo page, and will make a volume of about 350 pages. The whole cost of the three sets of plates is to be \$4382. The committee have availed themselves of an opportunity of purchasing a set of plates for Brown's Concordance for the sum of \$250, which is not more than one-half the cost of stereotyping them if done to order. They have also agreed to print the excellent index contained in Bagster's comprehensive Bible, which will not occupy much more space than is taken up by the chronological table usually printed with the sacred volume, and provided for in the contract for the plates. In the choice of references, to parallel passages, the Committee have taken much pains to ascertain the most correct and valuable set extant, and have fixed upon that compiled for Bagster's Polyglott Bible. Horne in his valuable Introduction to the Study of the Holy Scriptures, speaks of this edition as the most elegant and useful of all the pocket editions of the English Bible with parallel references, and says it contains a new selection of upwards of sixty thousand references to passages that are really parallel.

It is also intended to insert the marginal readings of the translators, without any other note or comment. It has been agreed to print these notes in one central column instead of placing them in the usual manner. This will not only be a security to the face of the very fine type in which they are cast, but occupy less room, and will be found, it is believed, more convenient for the reader. After the Committee had fixed upon Bagster's

marginal references, an unexpected difficulty occurred which appeared for a time almost insurmountable. It was found that the letters by which each particular marginal reference was designated in the text, were so arranged that unless we copied the edition page for page, the confusion into which the references would be thrown would be so great as to render them utterly useless. The only resource was to have the whole set of references transcribed, and to commence the alphabet anew with every chapter instead of every page. It would have been disticult to hire a competent person willing to undertake so laborious a task, and would moreover have cost us several hundred dollars. In this dilemma one of our number voluntarily undertook to transcribe the whole set of marginal references, and to alter the index as above mentioned. He has already completed his laborious task in a manner as creditable to his industry and accuracy, as the undertaking itself was to his zeal.

The work as contracted for, is now rapidly advancing; the concordance and index are finished, the plates of the Old Testament are east as far as the 500th page, and the New Testament is under way at the same time. The plates will probably be finished at the time agreed upon in the contract, which is the middle or end of the Eighth month next; and it is believed that the first edition may be ready for delivery in a few weeks thereafter.

Contracts have been entered into with a printer and a bookbinder for executing the work in their respective departments. Precautions have been taken for insuring as much accuracy and neatness as were attainable in all the various branches of the business. A quantity of paper of a superior quality has been purchased, and all things, except the plates, are in readiness for commencing our operations.

The sum received in subscriptions and donations from Friends in this city and its immediate neighbourhood, amounts to \$6052. A donation of \$340 has also been received from Friends in England; and we anticipate a further accession to our funds from the contributions of the Auxiliary Societies that have been and are likely to be formed.

While thus occupied in the more immediate and urgent duties of their appointment, the Acting Committee have not been inattentive to the other interests of the Association. Through the medium of the corresponding members, they have received official information of the establishment of eight Auxiliary Associations, viz. in the city of New-York; at Farmington in the state of New-York; at Burlington, N. J.; at Vassalborough, Maine; at Abington, Pa.; within the limits of Bucks Quarterly meeting, Pa.; at New-Garden in North-Carolina; and in the city of Philadelphia. Information received by private letters and otherwise, leads us to believe that Auxiliaries have been formed, or are about to be formed within the limits of Concord, Haddonfield, and Salem Quarterly meetings; at Scipio, New-York; at Salem, Ohio; at Salem in Indiana, and at Deep River in North-Carolina. The approbation with which the

institution has thus been received is peculiarly gratifying, and is an earnest of its future extensive usefulness. It was not anticipated that in more than one-fourth of the whole number of Quarterly meetings existing on this continent, Auxiliary Societies would be formed months before the first sheet of our Bible can be sent to the press. We may anticipate from this favourable commencement, that as soon as it is published, Friends will generally come forward to aid in furnishing all our members who may stand in need thereof, with a copy of this invaluable book.

The letters which have been received from various quarters in approbation of the objects of the Bible Association, have been of the most gratifying and encouraging nature, as will appear by the following extracts from the Report of the corresponding members:

"A letter, received from a Friend in England, dated 12th month 14th, 1829, says: 'We are truly glad to hear that you have made such progress in providing for the general circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the members of our Society on your continent, and we have read with much satisfaction your address to Friends, and hope it will obtain a cordial co-operation in every Quarterly meeting. It appears obvious, that if we would know our duty as men and as christians, and the blessed means which God in his abundant mercy has provided for our restoration and final salvation, we must carefully read the Holy Scriptures. They direct us to Christ, the living eternal Word, and teach us that we must seek by faith and repentance, and by fervent prayer to be built upon

Him. They cannot of themselves make us truly wise and happy and good, but they point out the way, and their effect, if rightly received and meditated upon, is to lead us through the power of the Holy Spirit to Christ Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life.' "

Another letter says, "it is truly grateful to Friends here to find that you have undertaken so laudable a work as that of providing for the supply of every Friend's family, and of Friends' schools, with a Bible; and we hope that although difficulties and delays will arise, you will be able to carry forward and accomplish this good work."

A letter from Baltimore, states, "we have received the specimen sheet of your Bible, and think it a very fine one, and the parallel passages highly illustrative and valuable."

Another letter from the same place, says, "the Bible Association has the best wishes of Friends here."

A letter, under date of 11th month 23d, 1829, was addressed by a Friend, since appointed a member of this Committee, to John Nitchie, general agent for the American Bible Society, requesting information on the cost, &c. of the Bibles printed under their direction. A reply was promptly returned, communicating the desired particulars, &c., from which the following is extracted: "I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of your favour of the 23d. I had the satisfaction also, some time ago, of receiving from you a pamphlet, containing the Constitution of the Friends' Bible Society. I rejoice at the prospect they hold out that your

respectable denomination in this country are about to make suitable efforts to spread abroad the Holy Scriptures among the destitute. May God graciously be pleased to accompany with his blessing every copy circulated by them to the hearts of those who receive them. If it would be any satisfaction to your Institution to receive specimens of our Bibles and Testaments, I have no doubt it would be a pleasure to our Board of Managers to present to it copies of them all; I am sure it will be gratifying to them to be able to deposit in their library copies of such as your Society may publish hereafter."

"This letter was followed by another, informing that the Managers of the American Bible Society had directed copies of their Bibles and Testaments to be presented to our Association."

These have since been received.

In contemplating the future operations of the Bible Association, the Committee think they perceive a wide field for useful labour. It is not merely the destitute of our own flock to whom we owe the duty of thus supplying them with the Holy Scriptures—next in the order of their claims, are those descendants of Friends who have lost their right of membership, but who frequent our meetings, and rank themselves as professors of the same faith with us. They retain, in many instances, their attachment to the Society; and we have no doubt that there will be found among the poorer class of these a greater deficiency in the supply, and of inability to purchase the Bible, than among our own members. Nor are the duties of christian charity limited to the

narrow circle of our own members and professors. The poor and the destitute who are thrown more immediately upon our care and notice, whatever may be their name to religion, will also claim our sympathy. And we cannot doubt, that upon all who labour with honest and humble intentions, to spread in any degree a knowledge of the Gospel of our Holy Redeemer, a blessing will rest; and that in the good of which they may thus become the instruments, they will be more than rewarded for their exertions by the sweet incomes of peace to their own minds.

Signed on behalf and by order of the Acting Committee.

ABRAHAM L. PENNOCK, Clerk. Philada. 4th month 17th, 1830.



APPENDIX.

SINCE the foregoing Report was adopted by the Association, the Corresponding Committee have received accounts of the formation of an Auxiliary Association at Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, and also at Mount Pleasant, making the whole number of Auxiliaries reported, ten.

A letter recently received from a distant correspondent, contains the following paragraphs, viz:—

"Although we feel unable to contribute much towards so great a work, yet we can express our full approbation of the concern, and our hearty wishes for its successful issue." "From the report of a committee appointed for the purpose, it appears that a greater deficiency exists in the families of Friends than was expected."

By information lately received from our friends in England, we learn that the Meeting for Sufferings in London has officially expressed its full unity with the establishment of the Bible Association of Friends in America, and its satisfaction in finding that measures were about to be taken to promote a more general circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the families of Friends.



SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

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THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA,

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON THE

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OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION, &c.

At the second annual meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America, held 4th mo. 18th, 1831, Minutes from the undernamed auxiliary associations were read, appointing the following delegates to attend this meeting, viz.

New-York—William Hutchin, Thomas Cock, Mahlon Day.

Short Creek, Ohio-Elisha Bates, Jonathan Taylor.

Philadelphia—Robert Smith, Jeremiah Willets, James Kite, Thomas Loyd, jun.

Abington-Joel Woolman, Edward Taylor.

Bucks-William Satterthwaite, Mahlon Kirkbride.

Concord—Abraham Sharpless, John Bullock, Joel Evans.

Burlington-John Gummere, Thomas Collins, Joshua R. Smith.

Haddonfield—Uriah Borton, Joseph Evans, Joseph Haines, Thomas Evans, David Roberts, George Matlack. Salem, N. J.—Clayton Wistar, William F. Miller.

The minutes of the managers, and their second annual report to the Association were read; and the managers were authorized to publish such information relating to the Association as they may deem proper. They were also desired to take the necessary measures for the formation of additional auxiliary societies, and the subject was earnestly recommended to the attention of the members.

An addition, recommended by the managers, to the rule respecting the duties of treasurer, was adopted.

The nominating committee reported the following list of officers, which was approved, and the members therein named accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

Secretary.

DANIEL B. SMITH.

Treasurer.

Corresponding Members.

JOHN PAUL,

JOHN PAUL, THOMAS EVANS, ISAAC COLLINS.

Managers.

SAMUEL BETTLE,
OTHNIEL ALSOP,
CHARLES ALLEN,
ISAAC DAVIS,
JOSEPH SNOWDON,
BENJN. II. WARDER,
EDWARD BETTLE,
JOHN RICHARDSON,
CHARLES YARNALL,
ISAAC S. LOYD,
THOMAS STEWARDSON,
TIMOTHY PAXSON,

THOMAS P. COPE,
THOMAS C. JAMES,
JASPER COPE,
ABM. L. PENNOCK,
THOMAS KIMBER,
THOMAS BACON,
GEORGE STEWARDSON,
JOHN G. HOSKINS,
LINDZEY NICHOLSON,
BARTHOLOMEW WISTAR,
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The following members were appointed a nominating committee for the ensuing year:

Timothy Paxson, George Williams, Ellis Yarnall, Thomas Stewardson, Robert Smith, and Isaac Davis.

REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America-

In presenting their second annual report to the Association, the managers have much satisfaction in stating that the first duties which devolved upon them, the stereotyping of the plates and the printing of the first edition of the Bibles and Testament, have been performed in a manner that appears to meet with general approbation. A large part of the copies of the Bible with marginal references is distributed, and it is hoped that a second edition of it, together with a small number on paper of an extra quality, will be ready for publication about the time of the annual meeting of the Association.

As nearly the whole of the Bibles that are printed are now bound, the managers will have it in their power to supply members with the copies to which they are entitled. The first edition of the Bible with, and of that without notes, consisted of one thousand copies each, and that of the school Testament of fifteen hundred copies; the second edition of the former is to consist of fifteen hundred copies, of which two hundred and fifty are to be on paper of a superior quality. It has been agreed to authorize the executive committee to purchase the necessary materials for, and proceed with the printing of four thousand copies of the Bible with references, and one thousand

copies of the school Testament. The managers have thought it good economy to proceed at once to print off this number of copies, in order to have the printing performed during the warm weather, which is thought to be an advantage, and that they may not again be under the necessity of binding the Bible before the work is sufficiently seasoned.

The treasurer's account, from which the receipts and expenditures of the managers may be ascertained, is herewith submitted.

Conceiving it to be an object of primary importance to have the stereotype plates as nearly correct as possible, the managers took measures to secure several proof readings before the last corrections were made. By our contract with Jedidiah Howe, the stereotype founder, it was agreed that the proofs should undergo three separate readings in his office, previous to the delivery of the work. In addition to this several proofs were taken for our own use, one set of which was placed in the hands of an experienced proof reader for examination, who gave it two several readings, and received two hundred dollars as a compensation. Another set was taken by the same manager to whom we are indebted for the use we were enabled to make of Bagster's marginal references, and compared by him with Eyre & Strahan's celebrated quarto edition of 1813, which is regarded in England as a standard text. The copies thus marked were examined by a committee of the Board, and the adopted corrections transferred to a third copy, which was sent to the type-founder as his authority in making the final corrections. Three or four slight errors which escaped unnoticed, and which are all that have yet been discovered, will be corrected in the next edition. Apart from these, it is believed that the text is nearly faultless, and it is generally acknowledged, by those qualified to judge, to be the best octavo edition of the Bible in the English language.

In order to procure as far as possible the correction of any errors which may remain, the managers have placed a copy interleaved with blank paper at the Depository, for public inspection; and it is much to be desired that our friends, upon discovering an error in the text, would call at the office and make the requisite correction in the book thus prepared.

Amidst the numerous editions of the Bible that are extant, it is impossible that variations in small or unimportant words should not have crept in. To ascertain the weight of authority in favour of any one reading, it is necessary to the biblical critic that he possess copies of these various editions. With this view the managers have commenced forming a Library, in which they wish to collect all the editions of the English Bible that have hitherto appeared, and such as they may be able to obtain in foreign languages. They respectfully solicit donations towards the accomplishment of this object.

It was foreseen at an early period, that as soon as the Association was prepared to distribute Bibles, the services of an agent would become indispensable for the regular and prompt performance of the business. During the last summer, therefore, the managers appointed

William Salter their agent, and he has since been engaged in their service. The proper arrangement of the manner of keeping the accounts and transacting the business of the agency, has occupied the attention of the managers and executive committee, and it is believed that the plan adopted is as simple and comprehensive as the nature of the accounts will admit.

The necessity of having an office for the deposit and delivery of the Bibles, also claimed the attention of the managers at an early period after their election. Endeavours were used to obtain rooms in a public and central situation, with accommodations for the printer and binder under the same roof. They did not, however, succeed in obtaining an eligible situation, and concluded to rent, as a temporary expedient, the premises which they now occupy in Carpenter street, near Seventh street. situation is unsuitable, and the accommodations are inadequate for a permanent office; the building, however, being occupied for the office of the Friend, and William Salter having been chosen the agent for that journal, at the time of his appointment by us, it was thought that the situation would serve the present purposes of the institution until a more suitable scite should be obtained. The managers have not lost sight of this object, which they regard as one of much importance to the prosperity of the Association. It is highly desirable that a house in which the printing and binding can be carried on, with spacious rooms for properly drying the sheets from the press and keeping the books after they are bound, should be procured on one of the principal streets near

the meeting-house in Mulberry street. A building sufficiently large for these purposes, could be so divided as to furnish all the requisite room and conveniences, and leave offices or stores below, the rent of which would place the Association at a very moderate expense for its own accommodations.

Since our last report, official information has been received of the formation of thirteen auxiliary societies: viz. in Still Water, Ohio; New-Garden, Indiana; Southern, North-Carolina; Salem, Ohio; Blue River, Indiana; Short Creek, Ohio; Salem, New-Jersey; Eastern, North-Carolina: Centre, Ohio; White Water, Indiana; Haddonfield, New-Jersey; Deep River, North-Carolina; and Concord, Pennsylvania; making together with those reported to the last meeting of the Association, twenty-one auxiliary societies.

The reports received through the medium of these, have enabled the managers to form some judgment of the extent to which Friends are furnished with the Bible, and of the need there is for strenuous efforts to promote its circulation throughout our religious society. In order to place this subject in a striking point of view, the following extracts from the correspondence of the managers are submitted to the Association.

In the twelfth month last, the corresponding committee addressed circulars to the auxiliary associations and other Friends, soliciting information in answer to the following queries:

1st. What number of families, or of individuals who

have not families, if any, are entirely destitute of the holy scriptures?

2d. What number of families, or of individuals who have not families, are in possession of the Old Testament, without the New, or have the New, and not the Old Testament?

3d. Are there any schools within the limits of your district, which are not duly supplied with the holy scriptures? If there are, state how many—about what number of scholars attend them, and how many of these are without Bibles or Testaments.

4th. About what number of Bibles may probably be sold within the limits of your district, exclusive of those subscribed for by the Association, and those distributed to the indigent?

6th. What number of families of Friends reside within the limits of your auxiliary association?

Answers to this circular have been received from various parts of the continent, which exhibit a deficiency in the supply of scriptures that must be painful to every feeling mind.

One letter states, that within the limits of the Association there are 247 families; of which 25 are without the Old Testament, and 20 are destitute both of the Old and the New; there are 10 schools within its limits, and 250 scholars in attendance, most of whom are unprovided with the scriptures. The letter further states, that a more general concern of late prevails to have them supplied.

In a letter from the secretary of another association,

the number of families is stated to be 350; of which 18 are destitute of the scriptures. It is also stated, that there is a great deficiency of Bibles in their schools.

Another letter states, that in the limits of the auxiliary there are 88 families destitute of complete copies, and that their schools are not well supplied.

The report from another auxiliary states, that its limits embrace 300 families, of which 78 are without complete copies of the scripture, and it is added that a great deficiency exists in the proper supply of Testaments in the schools.

Another letter states, that there are wanting within the district where the auxiliary is formed 100 large Bibles, 50 small Bibles, and 50 Testaments.

In another district from which information has been received, 30 families are entirely destitute of the sacred volume.

In another containing 180 families, there are reported to be 20 families which are without a copy of the Bible; about 40 which have the New and not the Old Testament; and 6 schools, attended by 150 children, of whom 50 have neither Bibles nor Testaments.

A letter from another auxiliary says, "We have endeavoured to answer those queries alluded to in as explicit and concise a manner as circumstances would admit.

- "1st. About 50 families destitute of the scriptures.
- "2d. None have the Old and not the New Testament; about 30 have the New and not the Old.

"3d. About 250 children are at school within our limits; of whom 175 can read, and 50 are not supplied with the Old or New Testament.

"4th. 125 Bibles and as many Testaments can be sold. There are about 400 families within the limits of this association."

It thus appears, that within the limits of seven auxiliary associations from which reports have been received, there are about 400 families unprovided with complete copies of the Old and New Testament; and that there is a very great deficiency in the supply of the schools. We have reason to believe also, that the Bible with which many Friends are supplied, is an inferior school Bible, printed on poor paper, and in small type. The reports also state, that 138 families are destitute of the New Testament. In stating these facts, we by no means design to cast censure upon our brethren. Yet we should not do justice to the cause in which we have engaged, if we did not make them the foundation of an appeal to the christian sympathies of our friends.

We are glad to find that the desire to obtain our edition of the holy scriptures, is very great in many parts of the country; that it is probable large numbers will be sold; and the existing deficiency thus, in degree, removed. After all who can afford to purchase are supplied, there will still remain many who are destitute of the book, and unable, of themselves, to procure it. These will naturally look to the Bible Association for a gratuitous supply, and it must be the wish of all our members that they may not be disappointed.

It is a duty which we owe as brethren of the same faith, to strengthen each other in all good works; to minister to the necessities—not merely the physical necessities of each other, but to the moral and religious progress—to place within the reach of all, that book which the united testimony of the best and wisest men, has pronounced to be the greatest of outward blessings.

The spirit of christian benevolence is a motive to action which never rests satisfied in self-indulgence, while a brother or a fellow-creature appeals to it for sympathy. It is sufficient to secure its aid, that distress or poverty be made known to it, and that it lies within its power to relieve it. It considers the blessings of Providence as gifts in trust for the afflicted and the needy; and as it prizes the moral above the physical well-being of our nature, the strongest appeals which can be made to its sympathies, are those that have for their object the religious improvement of the human race. When we narrow the circle on behalf of which the appeal is made, to that community which concentrates, within itself, our strongest and tenderest affections, and with the condition of which, whether prosperous or adverse, the welfare and the happiness of ourselves and our children are identified, how much do we add to its moral force!

Confidently trusting to the influence of these motives on the minds of their fellow members, the managers have not hesitated to conduct the operations of the Association on a scale which they felt assured would be required to supply the wants of our religious society. They have encountered expenses, and made arrangements for the future, which will require the aid of a liberal hand to meet; and they have done this, in the full belief that so useful a work of christian charity will not be suffered to fall to the ground. The contracts which the managers have authorized will require large additional resources; and in order to place the Association upon a firm and prosperous ground, a capital of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars should be raised.

When we reflect that the great deficiency of Bibles in our society exists in remote places, and arises from a real inability to purchase them, it is manifest that we cannot expect to remove it without much assistance from Friends more happily circumstanced. We must therefore rely for aid, in prosecuting our labours, upon those Friends, wherever they are situated, who have the ability and the inclination to promote the welfare of their fellow members, and whose christian sympathies are not often appealed to in vain.

The answers which have been given to the circular of the corresponding committee, reported those families only as deficient, which possessed no complete copy of the scriptures. It is probable that in a far greater number of cases than is reported, the supply is limited to a single copy, and that this is often such as to be illegible by old persons. But can a single copy of this invaluable book, be properly termed a supply for a large family? We answer, that it cannot: that the scriptures should be for the private reading of individuals; their companion, not merely when assembled with the family, but in their hours of retirement. Every member of our reli-

gious society, who has attained to years of reflection, should have free and constant access to the scriptures, and be encouraged to make them his study and delight. The managers hope to see these views more generally prevail, and thus anticipate a large extension in the field of labour for this Association. Should it become the practice to supply every adult individual in a family with a Bible, the example ought first to be given by the members of the Bible Association. They may then plead their own practice, and the advantages of it, in recommending it to their friends, and we may hope that so wholesome a custom will be adopted, sooner or later, throughout our society.

In promoting the object for which it was instituted, it is evident that the parent society must be regarded chiefly as a central point of action, operating through the agency of auxiliary associations. Wherever auxiliaries are formed, we may hope for efficient aid in ascertaining the state of society, and in supplying the deficiencies which exist. It is by their aid that we must act at a distance. Regarding their formation throughout our society, therefore, as essential to the full success of the institution, we recommend the subject to the consideration of the Association, in order that some means may be adopted for promoting their more general establishment.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of the board of managers.

ABM. L. PENNOCK, Sec'y.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 16th, 1931.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Payments have been, from the commencement of the institution to the Fifth month, 10th, 1531.

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To Jedidiah Howe, for stereotype pl	ates,	-		84891	48
A. Kelty and Evan Jones, for paper,				4226	95
A. Waldie, for reading proofs, -	-			230	00
William Brown, for printing Bibles a	nd Te	staments	,	1218	00
Thomas Clark, for binding, -				1249	72
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other items,			-	629	80
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			- 1	812,445	95
And the amount received has been	11-				
Donations and subscriptions, -		87622	00		
Annual subscriptions, first year, -		339			
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From auxiliaries, viz.	000	00			
Vassalborough, Maine,	820 (
New-York,	277 2				
Farmington, N. Y.	48 (
Philadelphia,	480 (
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Leaving the Association in debt to the treasurer, \$1473 04

Note.—In addition to the above balance due the treasurer, contracts have been entered into for paper, printing, and binding, to the amount of about 10,000 dollars.

ARTICLES

OF THE

CONSTITUTION.

I. The designation of this society shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

II. The objects of the Association shall be, To encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the holy scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

III. The attention of this Association shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious society of Friends as may not be duly supplied: and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

IV. Any person paying the treasurer of this institution thirty dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

V. The officers of this Association shall be, a secretary, a treasurer, a committee of correspondence, and a board of managers.

VI. The Association shall appoint, annually, twentyfour of its members as managers, to conduct its business. They shall be intrusted with the printing and distribution of the holy scriptures, in such manner and at such prices as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies in the list of officers, or of the committee, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and the minutes of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association at its annual meetings.

VII. A committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with societies, or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the managers, to which the correspondence shall be submitted at its stated meetings.

VIII. The treasurer shall receive, and keep in trust all moneys, and title deeds and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the board of managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an annual report to them at their meeting in the Fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year, which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the annual meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all moneys received by him on account of the Association, in its name in one of the banks in the city of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks thereon, the number on which checks shall correspond with the number on the order; and shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

IX. All the officers of the Association shall be, ex officio, members of the board of managers, and nine members shall constitute a quorum. X. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his annual or life subscription in Bibles or Testaments, at the society's lowest prices, under such regulations as the acting committee may establish.

XI. Such members of the religious society of Friends as may form themselves into Bible associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

XII. The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary societies, complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the annual meetings of the Bible Association.

XIII. Every person paying to the treasurer of an auxiliary society the sum of thirty dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt of such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

XIV. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the third Second day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

XV. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution,

but at an annual meeting, and with the consent of twothirds of the members present.

XVI. Any member of this Association ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

BULLS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the holy scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a

member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.

4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings.

members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of

the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor for ever; in trust nevertheless, for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct and appoint."

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

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No. 1. Common Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, without references or concordance, bound in plain sheep, 2. Same Bible, bound in plain calf, 4. Fine Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, with marginal reading sand references, Brown's concordance, a copious index and family record, bound in	S1 2				S2 2	25 75
sheep,		25	3	00	2	50
Do. do. 2 vols	2	75	3	50	3	00
5. Same Bible, bound in calf, -		75	3	50	3	00
Do. do. do. 2 vols		25	4	00	3	50
Do. do. do. 3 do.		75	4	50	4	00
New Testament, in plain sheep,	1	50		60	1	50
Do. half bound,	1	311		374		314

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary Bible Association.

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New-York, New-York, de				
Farmington,	do.	do.		
Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania,	do.		
Abington,	do.	do.		
Bucks,	do.	do.		
Concord,	do.	do.		
Burlington, New-Jersey,				
Salem,	do.	do.		
Haddonfield,	do.	do.		
New-Garden,	North-Carolina,	do.		

Deep Rive	er, North-Carolina	Auxiliary Bible Association,
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Short Cree	ek, do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
New-Gard	en, Indiana,	do.
Blue River	r, do.	do.
Whitewate	er, do.	do.

The following extracts are subjoined, in order to show the opinions entertained of the Association's edition of the Bible.

From the Episcopal Recorder.

FRIENDS' EDITION OF THE BIBLE.

"Our readers will find in another part of to-day's paper, a notice of this new edition of the Bible, which we would recommend to their attention. It is one of the cheapest and most beautiful editions which has been published in this country. It is of the royal octavo size, and is much more convenient for family reading than the quarto form.

"The religious community will feel under obligations to 'the Bible Association of Friends in America,' for adding the marginal references and readings which have been too generally omitted in former editions. The

translators, when in doubt respecting the meaning of a passage, placed one version in the text and another in the margin, without deciding in all cases which was most correct. They left it to the judgment of others to make this decision, and in many instances it has been in favour of the marginal reading. It is therefore, in our judgment, a question, whether any edition of the English Bible can be considered perfect without these readings.

"The marginal references furnish, perhaps, the best commentary for the study of the scriptures. Dr. Scott gives it as his opinion, 'that along with other means, (for none should be recommended exclusively) consulting well selected marginal references, forms one of the best helps for fixing the word of God in the memory, leading the mind to a just interpretation of it, and in many cases rendering it most affecting to the heart. It tends powerfully to counteract all sceptical doubts, when every part of scripture is thus found (like the stones in an arch) to support and receive support from the rest, and to constitute one grand whole; the divine inspiration of which is proved by every prophecy or miracle, and all kind of external and internal evidence.'"

From the Philadelphian.

FRIENDS' EDITION OF THE BIBLE.

"We expressed our gratification nearly a year ago, at the formation in this city of the 'Bible Association of Friends in America,' and at their intention to publish an

edition of the holy scriptures, in royal octavo, with the translators' various readings, and with marginal references.

"This work is now before the public, and it is, in our opinion, by far the best copy of the Bible for convenient family use, and for aged persons, which has ever issued from the American press. In saying this, we have not forgotten the merits of the quartos published by Collins of New-York, and Carey of this city, which are entitled to great credit for their accuracy; but are not so convenient in form as the book before us. We have used also, and admired the royal octavo Bible stereotyped in Boston in 1829, and sold by Hillyard and others; but it contains no marginal translations and references, has some typographical inaccuracies, and is encumbered with the Apocrypha."

LIFE SUBSCRIBERS.

Charles Allen,
Othniel Alsop,
Thomas Bacon,
Mary Bacon,
George V. Bacon,
Rebecca S. Bartram,
Rachel C. Bartram,
Samuel Bettle,
Edward Bettle,
Edward Bettle,
jun.
William Bettle,
James Boustead,
Jeremiah Brown,
Moses Brown,
William Burrough,

Elizabeth Cleaver,
Mary Coates,
Sidney Coates,
Thomas P. Cope,
Jasper Cope,
Israel Cope,
Rebecca Cope,
Henry Cope,
Marmaduke C. Cope,
Alfred Cope,
Sarah B. Cope,
Elizabeth C. Cope,
Isaac Collins,
Wm. M. Collins,
Martha L. Collins,

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THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

OF

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON THE

Wening of the sixteenth of Fourth mouth,

1832.

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REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America-

THE period for which the managers were chosen having expired, they respectfully submit the following summary of their proceedings.

Soon after the last annual meeting, the second edition of the Bible with references, consisting of twelve hundred and fifty copies, was published, and the third edition, comprising four thousand copies, was immediately put to press. Of this edition the printing has been completed, and a considerable number has been delivered at the Depository. In the Seventh month last, an edition of two hundred and fifty copies of the same Bible, printed on superfine paper was issued, and it is believed that as respects the beauty and durability of the materials and the neatness of the execution, it will advantageously compare with the best editions of the Holy Scriptures printed in this country.

Of the school Testament two editions have been printed: one of fifteen hundred copies was published in the Third month, and the other of one thousand copies in the Eighth month last. Of the school Bible, but one edition has been issued, but the stock of this Bible as well as of the Testaments being much reduced, another edition of each will shortly be required.

In order to secure a supply of materials to meet any probable demand, the managers have authorized a contract for a quantity of paper sufficient to print four thousand Bibles in addition to those now in progress.

Since the publication of the first edition, in the Second month of last year, 3186 Bibles have been disposed of, to wit: 2473 Bibles with references, 97 copies of the same Bible on superfine paper, and 616 school Bibles. In the same period 2232 Testaments have been distributed. There have been sent to auxiliary associations 1153 reference Bibles, 196 school Bibles, and 835 Testaments-sold to contributors and others 1033 reference Bibles, 216 school Bibles, and 965 Testaments. Of those furnished to auxiliaries, 32 Bibles have been disposed of within the limits of New-England Yearly Meeting, 199 within those of New-York, 470 within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 53 in Virginia, 156 in North Carolina, 235 in Ohio, and 304 in Indiana Yearly Meetings. In addition to these, 200 Bibles with references, 200 school Bibles, and 400 Testaments have been forwarded to the Indiana Meeting for Sufferings, and paid for out of a fund placed at our disposal for that purpose.

The stock on hand, exclusive of books in sheets, consists of 189 reference Bibles, 288 school Bibles, and 216 Testaments. So far as the managers have been able to collect the opinions of Friends from their correspondence with the auxiliaries and from other sources, our several editions of the Bible and Testament have been received with decided approbation. The few errors which were

discovered in the first edition have been corrected in the others, and from the great facility of correcting inaccuracies afforded by the stereotype plates, it is hoped that the text of our Bible may before long be rendered nearly faultless. The usefulness of the references to parallel texts, in promoting and assisting the study of the sacred writings, appears to be generally appreciated, as is evinced by the greater demand for the reference Bible, while the smaller copy has been found well adapted to supply the want which has been long felt in our schools, of an edition of the Scriptures at once portable and easily legible.

Since their last report the managers have been officially advised of the formation of eight additional auxiliaries, to wit: Miami, Ohio; Yonge Street, Upper Canada; Red Stone, Pennsylvania; Upper Quarterly Meeting, Virginia; White Lick, Indiana; Scipio, New-York; Westfield, Indiana; and Eastern, North Carolina, making the whole number of these associations twenty-eight. In the proceedings of the auxiliaries the managers recognise with satisfaction a commendable zeal for the promotion of the objects of the institution. They regret, however, that they have not yet been furnished with such statements of the deficiencies in their respective neighbourhoods as would enable the Association properly to estimate the necessity for more strenuous efforts to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of every member of our religious society. That great deficiencies do exist, the facts mentioned in the last annual report sufficiently prove, and the few returns since received con-

firm the conclusion. By only two of the auxiliaries have distinct answers been forwarded to the queries upon this interesting subject, in the course of the past year. Of these one states that 4 families and 38 adults are destitute of the Old and New Testaments, and that of 190 children of Friends attending school, "few are duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures." The other mentions that out of 180 families and parts of families within its limits 38 are destitute of full copies of the Bible, and 23 of the New Testament. Another auxiliary acknowledges the receipt of the Bibles and Testaments forwarded by the agent, and adds, that many more Bibles could be distributed, but that they have not the money to pay for them. On comparing the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed to the auxiliaries with the deficiencies stated to exist within the limits of the few who had been heard from at the date of the last report, the members of the Association will not fail to notice the very inadequate supply which has been furnished. It is a fact which the managers feel to be a distressing one, but which they believe it to be their duty to press upon the notice of their fellow members, that a large number of families belonging to the society of Friends in various parts of our favoured country, are to this day deprived of easy access to the Holy Scriptures. It is undeniably true that many children of Friends are thus brought up in very great ignorance of those sacred records—and it is a melancholy consequence of this state of things, that the evil which it is now in our power to remedy, will if neglected soon be no longer under our control. To apply that remedy is not now within the means of the managers. The funds

at their disposal have been expended in books and materials, and a debt of \$4000 has been incurred, to meet which they must depend upon the returns from the auxiliaries, and on voluntary subscriptions. It is to the members of auxiliary associations, who, surrounded by outward blessings, can sympathize with those whose limited circumstances preclude even the purchase of a Bible, that we must look for the means to supply our suffering brethren with this greatest external source of consolation and instruction. The managers are aware that this is an appeal to the liberality of Friends of an unusual character. But the investigations consequent upon the establishment of this institution have resulted in the discovery of deficiencies as unexpected as they are deplorable, and it is believed that even now, Friends are far from being sufficiently apprized of the necessity which exists for prompt and united exertions to remedy this great and increasing evil. Deeply impressed with the importance of furnishing a supply of Bibles to those districts in which the greatest deficiencies are known to exist, the managers are unwilling to leave this part of the subject without suggesting that those auxiliary associations within whose limits Friends are generally in more easy circumstances, be requested to take immediate measures for raising a fund to be applied under the direction of the board to the gratuitous distribution of Bibles and Testaments.

Among the most encouraging circumstances which have attended the labours of the managers, is the increased number of the auxiliaries.

Of the services assigned by the constitution to the different departments in the society, none are more important than those which devolve upon these associations. To investigate the wants of their respective vicinities, to promote the careful study of the sacred writings, and to keep open a channel of communication by which the sympathies of Friends may be awakened in each other's behalf, are duties upon the due performance of which the success of the institution essentially depends. The managers trust that the time is not far distant when no quarterly meeting on this continent will be without at least one auxiliary, and not until then will the benefit to be derived from this Association be fully realized.

In their last report the managers expressed a hope that a building might be procured in a central situation in this city, for the more convenient transaction of the business of the institution. They have now the satisfaction to state that this object has been happily attained. In the Fifth month last, a lot situate on Fourth near Arch street, containing in front about 32 feet, and nearly 80 feet in depth was purchased by direction of the board, and as soon as possession could be obtained, buildings covering nearly the whole area were commenced, and are now so far completed as to be occupied by the Association and its tenants. The location of these buildings, their size, and internal arrangements are such as admirably adapt them to the object in view. In a very public situation, near to one of the greatest thoroughfares of the city, affording spacious rooms for the printing and binding offices, and for the accommodation of the board, it is hoped that they

will essentially aid the economical and secure conducting of our business, as well as promote the sales of our Bibles. The whole expense of the lot and buildings is estimated at about twenty-one thousand dollars. The raising of so large a sum would have greatly embarrassed the board, had they not affected an advantageous arrangement with one of their number, by which this difficulty was obviated. In accordance with this agreement, the funds for the purchase of the lot and the erection of the buildings have been furnished by the member alluded to, for which the Association is to pay interest at less than the legal rate, together with the taxes and repairs, reserving the right to obtain a title to the premises at the end of seven years by refunding the first cost. By this arrangement the board have not only secured convenient accommodations for the transaction of its business, but will derive some income from the surplus rents. The moneys accruing from this source, after deducting interest, taxes and repairs, the managers have directed to be invested as a sinking fund, to be applied eventually to redeeming the premises, and for the means of increasing this fund they confidently appeal to the liberality of Friends. Should the Association be able to pay off the cost of these buildings at the expiration of the term agreed upon, the whole of the rents arising from them might be applied to the gratuitous distribution of the Bible, and a permanency and security would be given to the operations of the Institution, which under the divine blessing could not fail to be most beneficially felt.

On reviewing the occurrences of the past year, the

managers are confirmed in the belief that the Institution to the direction of which they have been called, is one which has strong claims upon the liberality and zealous co-operation of their fellow members. Divested of all sectional views, it embraces within the sphere of its operations the whole society, wherever located on this extensive continent; it asks the assistance of all in distributing that volume in which all have an equal interest; and it appeals to us in behalf not of strangers, but of brethren connected to us by the endearing tie of a common faith.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the board.

ABM. L. PENNOCK, Sec'y.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 7th, 1832.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following	sums	have	been	received	during	the	year	ending	on the
•				instant, to					

Donations,		\$2086	50
	Ţ.,	240	
Life Subscriptions,	•	189	
	-	1618	
Sales of Bibles and Testaments, -	-	1015	30
From auxiliaries, viz.	0.51	~~	
Vassalborough, Maine,	\$51		
New-York,	163		
Scipio, N. Y.	53		
Farmington, N. Y	55		
Yonge Street, U. C	41	57	
Philadelphia,	247	00	
Abington, Pa	38	00	
Bucks, do	73	00	
Concord, do	424	00	
Red Stone, do	40	00	
Salem, N. J.	6	00	
Haddonfield, N. J.	39	30	
Upper Quarterly Meeting, (Va.) Auxiliary, -	86	00	
Eastern, N. C.	80	00	
Southern, do	74		
New-Garden, N. C.		28	
Miami, Ohio,		50	
Centre, do		00	
Whitewater, Indiana,	182		
Whitewater, Indiana,	102	 1870	00
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Loan by three members of the Association free	or inter		00
4th mo. 30th, 1831,	-	1500	
Loans at 6 per cent. interest,	-	2500	
Balance on hand at last settlement,	-	714	26
		010710	
		\$10719	92
During the same period the payments	have be		
For Binding,	-	- \$2230	39
Paper,		- 4796	17
Printing,	-	- 1419	
Agent's Salary and incidental expenses at the	Deposit	ory, 351	51
Rent, account books, and sundries, -	- 0	- 291	07
Stereotype plates,	- 1	- 391	48
Sinking fund,		- 578	20
		10057	94
Leaving a balance in the hands of the treasure	r of	- 661	98
		\$10719	92

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New-York, New-York, do.
Scipio, do. do.
Farmington, do. do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada, do.
Philadelphia Penperlyania do.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, do.

Abington, do. do.

Bucks, do. do.

Concord, do. do.

Red Stone, Pennsylvania, Auxili	ary Bible Association,
Burlington, New-Jersey,	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.	do.
New-Garden, North-Carolina,	do.
Deep River, do.	do.
Southern, do.	do.
Eastern do.	do.
Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
Short Creek, do.	do.
Miami, do.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Centre, do.	do.
New-Garden, Indiana,	do.
Blue River, do.	do.
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White Lick, do.	do.
Westfield, do.	do.

BULBS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "———— Auxiliary

Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the holy scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.

4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months on the day of At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of

the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make a report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the

secretary; and at every quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the numbers of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	To sub- scribers.				Whole-sale.	
No. 1. Common Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, without references and concordance, bound in plain sheep, 2. Same Bible, bound in plain calf, 4. Fine Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, with marginal readings and references, Brown's concordance, a copious index, and family record, bound in	2					25 75
sheep,	2	25	3	00	2	50
Do. do. 2 vols.	2	75	3	50	3	00
5. Same Bible, bound in calf, -	2	75	3	50	3	00
Do. do. do. 2 vols.	3	25	4	00	3	50
Do. do. do. 3 do.	3	75	4	50	4	00
New Testament, in plain speep,		50	1	60		50
Do. half bound,		311	1	374	1	31

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of

such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

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OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,

15th of 4th Month, 1833-

Reports from the following Auxiliaries were received and read, to wit: New York;—Burlington, Salem, and Haddonfield, New Jersey;—Philadelphia, Abington, Bucks, and Red Stone, Pennsylvania;—Centre, Stillwater, and Salem, Ohio;—Blue River, White Water, and New Garden, Indiana.

Delegates from several of the abovementioned Auxiliarics were present.

The following Report from the Board of Managers, was read—their proceedings during the past year were highly satisfactory to the Association, and their encouragement and perseverance desired.

REPORT.

THE managers, in surrendering the trust which has been committed to them, submit the following abstract of their transactions for the past year.

Within that period 2000 copies of the Reference Bible, and 2500 copies of the New Testament, have been printed. 246 School Bibles, 1549 Reference Bibles, and 1480 Testaments have been distributed.

There have been sent to auxiliaries during the past year 491 Reference Bibles, 77 School Bibles, and 552 Testaments. Of these 11 Bibles and 63 Testaments have been distributed within the yearly meeting of New England, 147 Bibles and 14 Testaments in New York, 121 Bibles and 186 Testaments in Philadelphia, 20 Bibles and 15 Testaments in Baltimore, 40 Bibles and 40 Testaments in North Carolina, 54 Bibles and 70 Testaments in Ohio, and 175 Bibles and 164 Testaments in Indiana yearly meeting. In addition to those sent to auxiliary associations, 200 Reference Bibles have been sent for distribution to New York, 50 Bibles to Baltimore, and 100 copies of the School Bible, 100 copies of the Refe-

rence Bible, and 124 Testaments to Indiana; paid for out of funds placed in our hands for the purpose.

Twenty-one School Bibles, 586 Reference Bibles, and 394 Testaments, have been sold to contributors and others. The stock at present on hand is 116 School Bibles, 4449 Reference Bibles (more than one-half of which are in sheets) and 1828 Testaments. The whole number of copies printed by the managers is 1000 School Bibles, 8250 Reference Bibles, and 6000 Testaments.

The contributions which have been received from auxiliaries during the year amount to \$1742 99\frac{1}{2}, of which \$595 11\frac{1}{2}\$ have been received from associations within the limits of Philadelphia yearly meeting, \$420 61 from Indiana, \$272 44 from New York, \$271 32 from Ohio, \$135 from North Carolina, and \$48 51 from New England.

Since the formation of the Association \$6030 86½ have been received from associations; of which amount not more than \$272 has passed into the general funds of the Society, and \$893 89 remain to their credit on our books; so that nearly the whole amount raised by the auxiliaries is returned to them for the purpose of local distribution. As their members receive back but one half of their subscriptions in books, it is probable that more than 1200 copies of the Bible have been distributed through this channel to the needy members of our Society.

Of the funds contributed directly to the parent Association, a large portion has likewise been returned to individuals in Bibles; so that according to an estimate made about six months ago, the whole amount, which, up to that period, had been really given to the Association was \$6372 15; \$5215 15 of which had been expended in the purchase of the stereotype plates, leaving only \$1157 56 available capital for conducting the business of the institution. At that time the amount actually invested was \$3190 72½, viz. in Bibles and Testaments on hand \$5448 15, in paper \$1100 30; and in debts due from auxiliaries and other quarters \$1642 27½; so that the business was conducted under the burden of a debt of more than seven thousand dollars.

There was a constant tendency to increase in this debt, for the managers found it advisable to furnish the auxiliaries with Bibles to sell for us, the returns of which were slow and uncertain. In several cases auxiliaries, the situation of which rendered them unable to supply the wants of Friends in their vicinity, have been furnished with Bibles in advance of their expected contributions.

The cost of purchasing and building on the property now occupied as a depository was \$22,900; and the friend at whose expense this was done, having agreed to rent it to the Association at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on his investment, with the liberty of purchasing it at cost, at the expiration of seven years, it became an object of great importance to obtain the means of securing so valuable an estate. For although it rents for a larger sum than the interest on its cost, so as to enable the managers to commence a fund towards its future redemption, yet this surplus rent was insufficient of itself for this purpose.

When it shall have become the property of the Association, we shall, in all probability, be able to derive from it an income of between two and three thousand dollars, the ultimate appropriation of which will be the gratuitous distribution of the Scriptures.

All these circumstances pointed out the necessity of making a vigorous effort to extricate the Association from its threatened embarrassment, and to enable it to purchase the estate in Fourth street. A large meeting of the members and friends of the Association was therefore convened by the managers on the 4th of the 12th month, at which a full exposition of our affairs was given, and a strong appeal made to the benevolence of those present. This was eminently successful, and a committee was appointed to collect contributions and donations in aid of these objects.

In about one month that committee reported that it had already obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$14,166 81. A part of this sum was in life-subscriptions, one-half of which is returnable in books, and a considerable portion is payable in five annual instalments. Of the sum subscribed \$9,230 remains unpaid; \$9,000 of which the board has determined to appropriate to the fund for the purchase of the property. The remainder of the donations has been or will be employed in paying the debts heretofore incurred by the managers.

We should do injustice to our own feelings to omit in this place to state that a pamphlet of 72 pages, entitled, "An Appeal to the Society of Friends, on behalf of the Bible Association of Friends in America," which had previously been published, contributed greatly to the success of this measure. It was an impressive and eloquent address to our friends, and contained a large appendix replete with valuable information and interesting facts. This pamphlet was prepared, and 2,500 copies published and extensively distributed, at an expense of nearly \$300 by individuals of the board of managers.

From the treasurer's report which is herewith submitted, it appears that in addition to the sum of \$1742 99½ already mentioned as having been paid by auxiliaries, he has received \$4944 31 in donations, \$780 in life, and \$232 75 in annual subscriptions; and that Bibles and Testaments to the amount of \$1189 25½ have been sold. The balance in his hands on the 4th inst. was \$1403 50, and there remained due, of borrowed money, the sum of \$2,000, which the managers have now the means of liquidating.

We have already referred to the fund for the purchase of the property in Fourth street. From the report of the committee in whose hands this has been placed, it appears that on the 1st of the 3d month last, they had invested the sum of \$1282 71, and had a balance of \$576 25. The amount which has already accrued is derived from a charge of 20 cents per copy on the Bibles disposed of, which is appropriated to this subject, and has yielded \$914 60, from donations made previously to the late general subscription amounting to \$200, and from the excess of the rents above the interest. There seems no room to doubt that if the sinking fund is carefully husbanded, it will enable us to redeem the pledge

we have given to purchase the property at the end of seven years from the time of its falling into our hands.

During the present year we have received information of the formation of but one auxiliary association, viz. at Ferrisburg, Vermont, within the limits of New York yearly meeting. The number of these associations, at the present, is twenty-nine, from all but three of which communications and contributions have been received during the year. We regret to state that the amount of contributions has somewhat lessened, and that there appears to be too much inactivity among some of the members. The few replies which have been made to the queries put forth by the managers, lead us to suppose that there is still great room and occasion to exert ourselves in spreading the Scriptures.

By an auxiliary situated in a populous and wealthy district of country, the report of which relates only to portions of two monthly meetings, we are told that one family and sixteen individuals without families, are entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and that two families do not possess a copy of the Old Testament. It is stated by another that out of one hundred and thirty-five scholars, who attend school within its limits, fifty have neither the Old nor New Testament, and fifty others are destitute of the Old. These facts are sufficient to excite our feelings, and to make us regret that there does not exist throughout the Society, and wherever Friends are to be found, a lively zeal for the universal diffusion of the Scriptures among our members.

In reviewing the events of the past year, we are much

encouraged by the very cordial manner in which our call for assistance was received, and we feel as if that timely liberality had given security and permanency to the Association. Yet we must not think that the work is already accomplished. It is to be borne in mind that the object at which we aim is to put every member of our Society, who can read, in possession of a Bible; and that this is unavoidably an expensive undertaking. Every copy of the Scriptures costs us upwards of two dollars; and if all the adult members of our Society were supplied, there would still remain a demand considerably greater than our funds can supply, on behalf of the youth who are growing up, each one of whom ought to receive his Bible.

Our Association can only be usefully and worthily sustained by the constant and liberal contributions of its friends; by our separating from its ordinary employment in ministering to useless luxury, in order to dedicate it to the service of religion, a liberal portion of those goods of which a bountiful Creator has made us the stewards.

The managers are anxious to impress on the minds of the auxiliary members the importance of the part which they act in the operation of the institution.

The structure of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which has been the model in these respects of all others, is singularly well adapted for the accomplishment of its object. For being devoted to the sole purpose of distributing the Scriptures, it secures the energy and unity of its action by a central board of managers, and as it receives its principal supply of means from its

numerous auxiliary associations, it returns in exchange the sacred volume, which is distributed by them in their respective spheres of action. Yet the success of the whole operation depends mainly upon the auxiliaries; for if they become cold and slothful, the activity and warmth of the central action cannot be long maintained, as the heart must cease to beat, if the limbs will no longer assist in the circulation of the blood.

Should any of our auxiliary associations, therefore, think that there is but little to do, that their members appear to be generally supplied, that but few interest themselves in the cause, that their meetings are becoming dull and uninteresting, we entreat them to dwell under a sense of the benefits of which this inestimable volume has been the means to mankind. We entreat them to reflect that though men may be irreligious and wicked who possess the Scriptures, yet that vital religion has never long existed among any people, or in any individual, who, having access, has been indifferent to them.

For whoever rightly values the Scriptures, and derives from their daily and devout perusal the consolation and instruction which they minister through the influence of the Holy Spirit, must value them above all other external helps. He cannot but feel that to be deprived of their aid to his devotion, would be one of the severest of privations, that to be careless of them is an unerring mark of an irreligious mind; and while he thus thinks, how can he be insensible to the relations in which those around him stand upon this momentous subject? The members of his own household, of his family, of his religious com-

munity—are they living lives of Christian humility and consistency—members of the household of faith, and partakers of the communion of the gospel? The Bible is then their consolation, their study, their chief companion. Does he discover that they neglect it, that they do not, and seek not to, possess it? The dreary vacuity which the obliteration of all its precepts and consolations from his own mind would leave, comes over him like a terror, and the strongest sympathies of our nature are awakened.

When such are the springs of our action, mere sentiment is exalted into principle, and benevolence into duty; the energies that are aroused become a part of our very existence, as it were, and can neither slumber nor tire. When minds that are thus touched associate under these impressions, for the single purpose of spreading the Scriptures, of making them penetrate to every individual of the community, how earnest, how patient, how assiduous are their exertions! It is enough to excite their sympathy that a single individual is destitute. They are not content with merely giving the book, but they implore a blessing on the gift.

We are solicitous for the extension of these views among our auxiliary members. We are desirous that their meetings, and those of their corresponding members, may be held under a sense of the duty which we all owe to our common Society, the religious welfare of which is more or less affected by that of every individual member. Let them endeavour to seek out, first, the families, and next the individuals of each family who do not possess a copy of the Bible with references. Let them

watch the youth as they attain to years of understanding, those who bring certificates from other parts as apprentices, and those who remove from the neighbourhood; and bestow upon every one of these a good Bible. There are few auxiliary associations within the limits or vicinity of which, the faithful and thorough performance of this duty would not occupy years of close attention. Let not the book be given in any ease with coldness or indifference; but let our members endeavour to cultivate feelings which would enable them to accompany the gift with kind advice, and with earnest solicitations to value the Bible as the best of books.

It will be found advisable in the fulfilment of these duties to dispose of the Bible at various prices according to circumstances. It is expedient, we think, in almost all cases to affix a low price to the Scriptures, and to dispose in this manner of as many copies as possible. We would not have the auxiliaries to scrutinize too closely whether the individual can afford to pay the full price; for as the object in view is the diffusion of the Scriptures throughout the entire mass, to every individual of the Society of Friends, that thereby an increased interest may be felt in their diligent perusal, we believe that the zeal with which this purpose is prosecuted, will increase in proportion to the number of those who possess and attentively examine them.

It is desirable also, that the meetings of the associations should be open to the attendance of those who feel interested in the cause, and that occasion should be taken in the reports of the corresponding members to impress the

sentiment, that the only standard by which the deficiency in the supply of the Scriptures is to be measured, is the possession of a copy, by every individual of every family.

The peculiar circumstances of the Society of Friends in this land, must give a peculiar character to the efforts of the Bible Association. It originated in the knowledge that great deficiencies existed in the supply of the Scriptures; that these deficiencies extended more or less throughout the Society; and were greatest in those parts in which the means of supply were the least. The first duty of an auxiliary, therefore, to search its own district for persons who need the Scriptures, and fully to supply them therewith, being thoroughly performed, we trust that the spirit of Christian benevolence will not be suffered to remain inactive. The situation of remote districts will naturally claim the attention of those more favourably circumstanced; and it is scarcely possible that in a neighbourhood of which every individual possesses the Bible, this consideration should not awaken a strong desire to extend to others the blessings in which they participate.

A much more extensive and equally interesting field of labour will thus be opened, in which several of our auxiliaries may be profitably employed.

This co-operation with the central board of managers, in order to be effective and useful, must be harmonious and uniform in its action. It is evident, if auxiliary associations were to be left free to operate how and where they pleased, that two or more of them might choose the same field of labour, and thus interfere with each other,

and greatly diminish the value of their own efforts. The simple principles upon which the Association is framed direct us to another course-more circuitous perhaps, but more efficient. Let the auxiliary associations designate to the parent board the manner in which they wish their contributions to be appropriated. Their wishes will be complied with, and it will be expressly stated by the managers, in furnishing the Bibles to the local associations, by whose direction, with what funds, and for what purpose, the appropriation is made. The local association will be required to report in detail the circumstances of the distribution, and this information will be transmitted to the auxiliary by which the assistance was furnished. In this mode of operation, the auxiliary will enjoy all the benefits which a minute report of its operations is expected to yield, in exciting the zeal and sympathies of its members, and in keeping alive a disposition to contribute freely towards this work of benevolence.

A more frequent intercourse of this kind, between the central board of managers and the local associations, is on every account desirable. The more actively and carnestly we engage in any undertaking, and the more vigorously we pursue it—the greater space it will occupy in our thoughts, and the easier will it be for us to sustain a long continued course of action. If the Bible Association accomplishes the great object for which it was established, it will require the aid of its friends, and the co-operation of auxiliaries for years to come. If, as we firmly believe, it originated in motives of pure

christian charity, we cannot doubt that these will sustain it until that end is accomplished; and that in the wider field of benevolence which will then open before it, there will be no lack of means or of agents to carry on the work beyond the precincts of our own religious community.

We have thus far been considering the Bible Association as a benevolent institution for the purpose of aiding others. There is another point of view from which it may not be unprofitable to regard it, as a means of our own improvement. It is a work of charity that is calculated to bless alike the giver and the receiver. For what a reproach would it be to him who is engaged in spreading the Scriptures, to be himself ignorant of their contents, or regardless of their doctrines! To engage in this work is, in some sort, to confess before our brethern, that we own the power of that gospel, the book of which we so much desire to circulate. The natural tendency of thus standing committed to the cause, is, to make us examine the grounds of our own belief in the truth, the extent and accuracy of our knowledge of the record, and the character of our walk in life.

We think we have witnessed these effects within the sphere of our observation, that there is, in consequence, especially among many of our younger friends, an increasing desire to examine the Scriptures, to walk consistently with our religious profession, to be dedicated to works of Christian charity and brotherly love. We entertain no doubt that these desires will be found to

prevail wherever the work is undertaken with carnestness and zeal.

So far from giving any undue value to the Scriptures, we believe that while the doctrines of the religious Society of Friends are maintained among us in their purity, this zeal for the distribution of the Bible will be found to advance the cause of spiritual religion. As the Bible comes to be more thoroughly and generally examined by our members, the harmony and consistency of our testimonies with its doctrines will be more and more apparent and acknowledged, and the number of those who feel bound to walk consistently therewith, will, we doubt not, be increased. For although this is not a necessary consequence of an accurate acquaintance with the contents of the Bible, yet the divine illumination which is often youchsafed to its devout perusal, will be all sufficient to guide us in the way of our duty, and to pour a light around the path of the humble and sincere inquirer after truth.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the board of managers.

ABRAHAM L. PENNOCK, Sec'ry.

Philad. 4th mo. 11th, 1833.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts during the year ending 4th mo. 4, 1833	3.
From Auxiliaries, viz.	
Burlington, New Jersey, \$183	00
Salem, do	
	071
Farmington Non-Wall	06
Scinio de 69	50
New York,	00
Farmington, New York,	51
Vonge Street Upper Canada	88
Philadelphia,	
Philadelphia,	00
Bucks, Pennsylvania, 41 Abington, do 67	
Concord, do	10
December 11 december 12 decemb	50
Southorn North Combine	00
	00
New Garden, do	
Lastern, do	00
Eastern, do. 15	25
Salem, do	42
Still Water, do	15
White Water, Indiana, 121 Blue River, do	61
Dide River, do	00
New Garden, do	
White Lick, do 20	
	\$1,742 991
Donations,	. 4,944 31
Life subscriptions,	780 00
Annual subscriptions,	. 232 73
Donations, Life subscriptions, Annual subscriptions, Sales of Bibles and Testaments, Amount overpaid on a bill, returned, Loan at an interest of 6 per cent. per annum, Balance on hand 4th was 6 1832	1,189 25½
Amount overpaid on a bill, returned,	. 25 00
Loan at an interest of 6 per cent. per annum,	1,000 00
Balance on hand, 4th mo. 6, 1832,	. 661 98
	\$10,576 27
Payments during the same period, viz.	
For Printing,	. 795 37
Binding,	1,819 71
Paner	. 2,247 51
Agent's Salary and incidental expenses,	611 34
Rent and Insurance on Stock,	. 217 19 336 40
Sinking Fund,	
Agent's Salary and incidental expenses, Rent and Insurance on Stock, Sinking Fund, Interest on borrowed money, Loans paid off,	. 145 25
Loans paid off,	. 3,000 00
	\$9,172 77
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$1,403 50
	\$10,576 27

BETBAUTS

FROM THE REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

From the Report of the New York Auxiliary, adopted at a meeting, 1st month 24th, 1833.

At the first meeting held after the last report, we had about 20 Bibles and 70 Testaments on hand. In the prospect of remittances, it was directed that 25 Bibles and 40 Testaments be offered to the meeting for sufferings. These have been accepted and delivered to their direction. A general meeting was held of our association at the time of our yearly meeting in the 5th month, which was large and satisfactory. The annual report of your Association was read, as well as an annual statement of our proceedings. It was concluded towards the close of the meeting, that this would be a proper time to endeavour to form auxiliary associations in all those quarterly meetings in which they did not already exist. For this purpose adjourned meetings were held, and the names of Friends offered who would likely favour such associations. This arrangement met with much encouragement, and we were induced to hope favourably from the impressions then made. Cases of Friends destitute of the Bible continue to come to our knowledge from time to time, particularly at the period of our yearly

meeting; when such cases have been known they have been promptly supplied.

We are encouraged by the occasional addition of new subscribers, and by the interest which has been shown at our annual meetings. Such opportunities have enabled Friends to understand the nature of such associations, and spread a knowledge of their usefulness in different sections of the yearly meeting. Although we have not done much comparatively in the extensive spread of the Bible, yet having answered the wants which have come to our knowledge, we would desire to persevere in the hope of continued usefulness.

From the Report of the Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends in Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, held 2d month 4th, 1833.

Where instances have become known of individuals being deficient of a supply of the Scriptures, the want has been promptly attended to, yet we are not without fears that within our limits and particularly in some of our country districts, many cases still exist which have not come to our knowledge. As our stock on hand was more than adequate to meet the small demand made upon it within our limits; 6 Bibles without references and 20 Testaments were given in the 7th month last, to a company of coloured emigrants, (formerly under the care of the yearly meeting of North Carolina,) who were about to leave our neighbourhood for Liberia, in the hope that they might prove a blessing to them when settled in the land of their forefathers.

To secure the efficient aid of our female members in the prosecution of the interesting objects of this association, the auxiliary has concluded to divide itself into two branches, the male and female branch—both branches to meet together annually in the 2d month, and separately at other times in the year; by which arrangement, we trust we shall be enabled more fully to carry into effect the designs of the parent association.

In reviewing our labours, we are encouraged to believe that our endeavours to distribute this invaluable book will prove a blessing to many of those to whom it has been given, and may tend to promote amongst the members of our religious society an increasing interest in the study of the sacred volume: and while our exertions are made in the humble hope of benefiting others, we are constrained to acknowledge that this engagement has a tendency to excite in ourselves a lively sense of the many privileges we enjoy, and warm our hearts in a desire still to persevere in the work.

From the Report of the White Water Auxiliary, 3d month 2d, 1833.

There are yet many families of Friends within our limits who are furnished only with the small kind of Bibles, but the number has greatly diminished during the last two years, and as ability is afforded, it is believed will still continue to diminish.

We are glad that a disposition to read the Bible, and a desire to be more intimately acquainted with its invaluable contents, are becoming more and more apparent; and notwithstanding there is yet too great remissness with many, in these respects, and even in some, a want of desire to possess the Scriptures, yet upon the whole, there has been, and we humbly hope, will still continue to be, much improvement, affording satisfaction and reasonable encouragement to those who have been engaged in the labour.

The schools amongst us are mostly in the practice of reading the New Testament, of which a deficiency in the desirable supply is noticed; but Bibles have as yet been introduced to a very limited extent.

From — Auxiliary, 1st month 25th, 1833.

By the report of the officers, it appears that they have been actively engaged during the past year in endeavouring to furnish those families of Friends who are not supplied with Bibles that have notes and references, but owing to our limited circumstances for want of funds, but few have been supplied since our last annual meeting; out of 225 families within the limits of our quarter, not more than about 40 have been supplied, although Friends generally are well pleased with our Bibles. However since the commencement of our society we have distributed about 90 Bibles.

From — Auxiliary, 3d month 24th, 1833.

A considerable number of adult individuals, members of families, are not yet supplied. There are occasionally

about ten schools within our limits, averaging about twenty scholars each, which are not so fully supplied with the Scriptures as would be desirable.

From — Auxiliary, 2d month 15th, 1833.

A considerable number of individuals who have not families are reported to have the New Testament, and not the Old. There are three schools within the limits of our district, and about 102 scholars in attendance, about 53 of whom are unprovided with the Scriptures.

From — Auxiliary, 1st month 25th, 1833.

No families are in possession of the Old without the New Testament: but one family and about ten individuals have the New and not the Old. There are four schools within our limits, with about 135 scholars (members) in attendance; about 100 of whom are without Bibles, and 50 without Testaments.

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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary Bible Association. New-York, New-York, do.

Scipio, do. do.

Farmington, do. do.

Yonge Street, Upper Canada, do.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, do.

Abington, do. do.

Bucks. do. do.

Concord, do. do. Red Stone. do. do.

Burlington, New-Jersey, do.

Salem. do. do.

Haddonfield, do. do

Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va. do.

New-Garden, North-Carolina, do.

Deep River, No	rth-Carolin	na, Auxiliary Bible Association,
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern	do.	do.
Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
Short Creek,	do.	do.
Miami.	do.	do.
Salem,	do.	do.
Centre,	do.	do.
New-Garden,	Indiana,	do.
Blue River,	do.	do.
White Water,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Ver	mont.	do.

BULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of

their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.

4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings.

members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months on the day of At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the pre-

ceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Tesments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make a report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every quarterly meeting each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its

neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

	To sub- scribers.		Whole-sale.
No. 1. Common Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, without re- ferences and concordance, bound			
in plain sheep,			\$2 25
2. Same Bible, bound in plain calf,	2 37 1	3 00	2 75
4. Fine Bible, containing the Old and			
New Testament, with marginal			
readings and references, Brown's			
concordance, a copious index,			
and family record, bound in			
sheep,	2 25	3 00	2 50
Do. do. 2 vols.		3 50	3 00
5. Same Bible, bound in calf, -	2 75	3 50	3 00
Do. do. do. 2 vols.		4 00	3 50
Do. do. do. 3 do.		4 50	4 00
	50	60	50
New Testament, in plain sheep,			114
Do. do	314	37 ½	314

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the

use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is on north Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to the corresponding members, or to Wm. Salter, Agent.





APPEAL

TO THE

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS,

IN BEHALF

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

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AN APPEAL. &c.

Among the many external blessings which it has pleased a beneficent Creator to bestow upon mankind, there is none which claims a higher degree of excellence, or which calls for greater gratitude and more careful improvement, than the gift of the Holy Scriptures. This blessed book has conferred greater benefits on the human family, in meliorating their religious, moral, and physical condition, than any other outward cause; and it is a remarkable fact, that no nation can be found, which has made any considerable advances in civilization, or in the comforts and enjoyments of domestic life, where the precepts and history of the Bible are unknown or not respected. Not only is the style in which it is written, superior to that of any other book, but it treats of subjects vastly more important and interesting to man than those of the most finished and elaborate treatises on the arts or sciences. Human knowledge, however diversified or extensive, is limited to the narrow precincts of time, and can only relate to those things which belong to the present short and imperfect state of existence—but the great truths recorded in the Holy Scriptures relate to that life which is to come, and reach forward, beyond the grave, into a never ending eternity. There, we have the inspired record of that holy religion which our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ introduced into the world, and which he has appointed as the blessed means for saving the souls of men-for redeem-

ing them from the bondage and power of sin, and preparing them to become inhabitants of heaven, and participants of everlasting glory, when the short and transitory period of their earthly pilgrimage is accomplished. As far, therefore, as eternity outweighs time, or as the salvation of one immortal soul exceeds in vast importance all the petty concerns of this transient life, so does the value and interest of the Bible exceed that of all books written to promote mere human knowledge. It is scarcely necessary to say that it is our duty as men and as professing Christians; that it is our highest interest as immortal beings, destined to spend an eternity either in misery or happiness, diligently to study, and seriously to ponder, the great truths contained in the Bible. We may be busily engaged in the pursuit of knowledge in the sciences, the arts, or literature, and we may make great proficiency in them; but though these studies are highly proper and useful in their places, yet if we neglect to make ourselves acquainted with the infinitely more important concerns of religion, the other will be of little value to us. They cannot prepare us for death, nor fit us to become inhabitants of the world of spirits, whither we are hastening, and where we shall all speedily be fixed for ever, either in unchangeable felicity or endless wo. Every day, we behold some one or other of our friends or acquaintances, arrested by sickness or death in their swift career-eager, perhaps, in the cultivation of a farm, or in the pursuits of trade, and anxious for the acquisition of wealth or learning; suddenly, the pale messenger comes with his undeniable summons, and calls them away to a country where neither farm, nor trade, nor science, nor riches can be of any use to them. How many have had to lament, on a dying bed, that they have suffered their minds to be engrossed in these temporal

engagements, which, though lawful in themselves, yet when permitted to occupy our attention to the exclusion of the things which belong to our soul's peace, become a snare and a curse instead of a blessing. We write not for the immoral and dissolute, and of course say nothing of those sinful practices and pursuits, erroneously called pleasure, in which too many waste their precious time, to the disgrace of the Christian name, and the ruin of their present and eternal hopes. We would address those who profess an attachment to religion, and manifest a respect for its obligations, by a decent observance of its external duties, but in whose hearts the things of this world still have an undue ascendency.

Religion is a daily work—it can never be successfully carried on unless it is the primary object of our affections and hopes. It is a work of the heart, not merely of the head; and to realize its blessed, soulsaving effects, it must be uppermost in all our thoughts; the constant measure and rule of our conduct, converse, and pursuits in life. The preparation for death and eternity is the great business of life—the most momentous concern that can possibly engage our attention, and it demands our first and principal care. But, alas! instead of this being the case, how often do we see it exactly the reverse. Business, pleasure, husbandry, trade, dress, or some other secondary object, absorbs our attention, while the poor soul, and the preparation for death and eternity, are almost totally neglected. Thus year after year passes away-the occasional compunctions of conscience are allayed by fruitless resolutions, that by and by, when we shall have accomplished this or the other favourite purpose, or when we shall have accumulated a little more money, we will take the matter up in good earnest, and begin to make preparation

for becoming religious. But, alas! in the midst of these "good resolutions," death comes along and hurries us into the grave, all unfit as we are, without giving us time to carry even one of them into effect. It is impossible for the finite powers of man fully to appreciate the vast difference between time and eternity, or to be adequately sensible of the immense importance of one over the other: it may assist us, however, in our endeavours to form a correct estimate of the relative importance of the two states; if, on the one hand, we consider the short and uncertain period of our stay on earth, and the trivial nature of the pursuits which exclusively belong to it, and, on the other hand, frequently and seriously ponder the deep and awful import of the words "for ever and ever—existence without any end—everlasting felicity and enjoyment-eternal misery and wo, where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Who that reflects for a single moment on these solemn subjects but must awake from his lethargy and indifference, and with anxious, persevering solicitude, and entreaty, put the great questions—"What shall I do to be saved?" -"Who shall deliver me from the wrath to come!"

In the progress of the work of salvation there are many outward helps afforded us by our heavenly Father, to strengthen our feeble faith, animate our drooping spirits, and arouse us to increased diligence in the work of righteousness: but among them all, there is none which it has pleased the Holy Spirit more eminently to bless and honour, as a means of promoting the glorious work of redemption and sanctification in the souls of men, than the daily and devout study of the Bible. We are far from wishing to convey the idea that the mere reading of the Holy Scriptures, though ever so frequently and properly done, is religion—or will make a man a Christian. The spirit of Christ must

operate on the soul to effect this-it can never be accomplished but by the sanctifying influences of that Baptism which is with the Holy Ghost and fire :- but we mean to say, that in the ordering of a wise and gracious God, the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures have been made use of as a means whereby this blessed Spirit has wrought on the hearts of men, more signally and powerfully, and more extensively, than through any other outward medium. Hence it is that we wish affectionately to press on all, the great duty of daily reading and meditating upon some portion of their invaluable contents. We desire especially to press on parents the important duty of bringing up their children in the diligent perusal of the Sacred Volume, and to endeavour to fasten upon their minds the great truths which are therein recorded. 'This subject engaged the close attention of the founders of the Religious Society of Friends. As early as the year 1676, they had two Catechisms published for the Christian instruction of their children; one by Robert Barclay, the other by William Smith; and this primary domestic duty, formed a part of the daily employment in many of their families. Such was the case in the families of William Penn and Isaac Pennington, and the private history of many others would doubtless evince the same pious care.

At different periods, the Society has issued advices to its members, encouraging them in the performance of this duty, and experience has fully shown the blessed effects which result from it. Indeed, if parents were as anxious for the souls of their children as they are about their bodies—as earnestly concerned to prepare them for heaven and eternal happiness, as they are to qualify them for shining in the world and securing its perishing riches and honours—there would be no need to invite

them to greater diligence and earnestness in the good work of religious education. With what care and assiduity would they labour to imbue the infant minds of their offspring with the love of piety, to instruct them in the doctrines and precepts of our holy religion, and to make them acquainted in very early life with the interesting and instructive pages of Sacred Scripture—they would, in a word, train them for immortality and eternal life, instead of confining their views to the pursuits and accomplishments of this world.

One means which will greatly tend to promote the reading and study of the Bible in families, is the furnishing a copy of it, to every child capable of reading it. They should be taught to look upon their bible as a rich treasure-a volume unfolding the most sublime and solemn truths, and containing history and biography the most interesting of all other books. By this means they will learn to read it with delight, and to anticipate with pleasure the returning periods when they will be permitted to sit down to the study of it. Children are imitative creatures, and are powerfully swayed by the example of their parents and instructors. If they perceive that these are deeply interested in the Bible and its precious contents, that they read and ponder it often and much, and are anxious that their children should do the same, they will soon learn to love it, and to read it attentively. Let it then be the care of every parent to see that each of his children has a Bible of its own, printed on good paper with large type, and by example and precept, as well as every winning expedient, draw them to read, admire, and revere the doctrines and precepts which it teaches.

In order to exhibit more fully the views of the Society of Friends on the subject of the Holy Scriptures, and the duty of instructing children in them, we subjoin the following extracts from the Epistles it has issued; namely—

"We recommend it as an incumbent duty on Friends, to cause their children to be frequent in reading the Holy Scriptures, and to observe to them the examples of such children, as in Scripture are recorded to have early learned the fear of the Lord, and hearkened to his counsels; instructing them in the fear and dread of the Lord, planting upon their spirits impressions of reverence toward God, from whom they have their daily support, showing them they ought not to offend Him, but love, serve, and honour Him, in whose hand all blessings are."—1709.

"Inasmuch as the Holy Scriptures are the external means of conveying and preserving to us an account of the things most surely to be believed, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and the fulfilling of the prophecies relating thereto, we therefore recommend to all Friends, especially elders in the church, and masters of families, that they would, both by example and advice, impress on the minds of the younger, a reverent esteem of those sacred writings, and advise them to a frequent reading and meditating therein."—1723.

"We earnestly and tenderly advise that mothers of children, as well as fathers, as they have frequently the best opportunities, would take particular care to instruct them in the knowledge of religion and the Holy Scriptures; because it has been found by experience, that good impressions, early made on the tender minds of children, have proved a lasting means of preserving them in a religious life and conversation."—1731.

"We tenderly and earnestly advise and exhort all parents and masters of families, that they exert them-

selves in the wisdom of God, and in the strength of his love, to instruct their children and families in the doctrines and precepts of the Christian religion contained in the Holy Scriptures, and that they excite them to the diligent reading of those sacred writings, which plainly set forth the miraculous conception, birth, holy life, wonderful works, blessed example, meritorious death, and glorious resurrection, ascension, and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and to educate their children in the belief of these important truths, as well as in the belief of the inward manifestation and operation of the Spirit of God on their own minds, that they may reap the benefit and advantage thereof, for their own peace and everlasting happiness, which is infinitely preferable to all other considerations. We therefore exhort, in the most earnest manner, that all be very careful in this respect; a neglect herein being, in our judgment, very blameworthy."-1732.

"And, dear friends, as much as in you lies, encourage a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures in your families. In them are contained the promises of eternal life and salvation. For, as a steady trust and belief in the promises of God, and a frequent meditation in the law of the Lord, were the preservation of a remnant in old time, so it is even to this day. And, as a distrust and disbelief of the promises of God, and a neglect of his holy law, were the occasion of the complaints made against the Jews, the posterity of Abraham; even so we have reason to fear that the apparent declension, in our time, of true piety and godly zeal, in many places, is too much owing to a disregard of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, and the promises of the Holy Spirit in them recorded."—1740.

"We think it especially necessary at this time, to remind you of the former advices of this meeting, respecting a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures: the doctrines contained in these inspired writings, duly attended to, and firmly impressed upon the minds of our young people, may be a means of preserving them from the danger and infection of such corrupt and irreligious principles, as, having a tendency to the exaltation of self and human abilities, would lessen their dependence on the power and Spirit of God, their only security and preservation."—1743.

"As the right education of children and the nurture of youth is of very great consequence to them and to the succeeding generation, we pressingly exhort all parents and heads of families, to procure such useful learning for their children as their abilities will admit, and to encourage them, as well by example as precept, to the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures; and that they begin as early as possible, to instil into their tender minds the principles of truth and virtue, and instruct them in the nature and necessity of being born from above, without which, our Lord declared, no man shall see the kingdom of God."—1760.

"We entreat all parents, seriously to lay to heart the great and lasting importance of a religious education to their offspring, and to be more solicitous that their tender minds may be impressed with virtuous principles, and early directed into the path of purity, by which they may obtain the pearl of great price, than to provide for them superfluous and uncertain riches, [which are] frequently the sorrowful means of their declension and ruin."—1766.

"We believe there is an increased attention in Friends in various parts, not only to promote in their families the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, but to make it the employment of a portion of time daily. We commend this practice, and we believe that if the heads of

families are careful in cultivating the Seed of Truth in themselves, there will be so little danger of the custom becoming formal, that it will not unfrequently be the means of quickening the minds of those concerned in it: more especially if a subsequent pause be allowed, in order that the sacred truths which have been read, may have time to make their due impression on the mind, or that the mind may have time to rise in secret aspiration after a blessing."—1807.

"It has afforded us much satisfaction to believe that the Christian practice of daily reading in families a portion of Holy Scripture, with a subsequent pause for retirement and reflection, is increasing amongst us. We conceive that it is both the duty and the interest of those who believe in the doctrines of the Gospel, and who possess the invaluable treasure of the Sacred Records, frequently to recur to them for instruction and consolation. We are desirous that this wholesome domestic regulation may be adopted every where. Heads of families who have themselves experienced the benefit of religious instruction will do well to consider whether, in this respect, they have not a duty to discharge to their children and others of their household. Parents, looking sincerely for help to Him of whom these Scriptures testify, may not unfrequently, on such occasions, feel themselves enabled and engaged to open to the minds of their interesting charge, the great truths of Christian duty and Christian redemption."-1815.

In conformity with the views thus repeatedly expressed by the society of Friends, a number of its members, impressed with a belief that there existed in some of its remote sections a great deficiency of the Holy Scriptures, formed themselves into an association for the purpose of printing and distributing the Bible gratuitously among Friends. The objects they had in view, were to furnish, at a moderate price, a better and more complete edition of the Bible than had before been published in this country-to increase the number of Bibles in the families of Friends, and encourage the frequent and serious perusal of them; and, through the medium of auxiliary associations, to ascertain and supply deficiencies wherever they existed. As far as the limited means of the Association have permitted them to proceed, the most satisfactory and encouraging results have attended their labours. 4,100 copies of the Holy Scriptures, and 2,800 copies of the New Testament have been disposed of, and a large proportion of these have been forwarded to distant and newly settled countries, where Bibles were extremely It has been peculiarly gratifying to observe. that since the new editions have been circulated among Friends, a fresh interest seems to have been excited, among our young people, in the study of scripture lessons, and many are turning their attention to the subject with an earnestness and zeal which promise the happiest effects.

While we are far from wishing to arrogate to the Association any merit which is not its just due-when we view its operations thus far, and the success which has attended them, we cannot but believe that the Divine blessing has rested on the undertaking, and that its labours have been essentially useful within the limited sphere of Our anxious desire now is, that these imits operations. portant benefits may be extended to our brethren of other sections of the country, more generally than they have vet been, and to do this we wish to promote the establishment of auxiliary associations within the limits of every Quarterly Meeting of Friends in America, and through their active co-operation, to ascertain all existing deficiencies, and collect funds for enabling the Parent Institution promptly to supply them-always keeping in view the leading fact, that no supply of the Bible can be considered as adequate, which does not put a copy into the possession

of every person capable of reading it. The views of the Association have been fully developed in the official documents which have been issued from time to time—and, in order to bring them fully before our readers, we invite their attention to the following interesting extracts.

Extract from the Address issued 1st month, 1829.

"Yet, notwithstanding the care which has thus been exercised, it is be lieved that some portions of our Society on this Continent, have been and still are, but scantily supplied with copies of the Bible. This is, no doubt, to be attributed, originally, to the peculiar situation of the first settlers in a new country, struggling with hardships, and often without the means of obtaining any thing beyond the supply of their mere physical wants. It is accordingly in the newly settled and remote districts that the deficiency is the most obvious and lamentable. In some older and more populous neighbourhoods also, where these privations are no longer felt, the same deficiency in the proper supply of the Scriptures is to be regretted. A single copy, and that of an unwieldy size, is often all that is to be found in a large family. It is not probable, where such is the case, that the rising generation will make the Scriptures their study and delight, nor can any other consequence be expected from it, than a prevalent indifference to, as well as an ignorance of, the historical facts, doctrines, and precepts contained in Scripture. Friends in the ministry, who have travelled extensively through America, bear witness of the deficiency to which we have adverted; the natural effects of which, have been such as were to be anticipated. We have all witnessed with sorrow, the delusion which has drawn so many into a denial of the divinity, propitiation, and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Shall we not then, while the mournful events of the few past years are fresh in our recollection and still present with us, endeavour to guard against their recurrence, as far as can be done by the means which are within our power? One of these, we are persuaded, is a more general and accurate acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, and a more diligent and frequent perusal of them, both in the closet and in families. It is believed that no outward means, would, under the divine blessing, have a more powerful tendency to check the growing spirit of levity and scepticism, so obvious amongst many of the youth, than the daily, serious perusal of the Bible; comparing parallel passages, and thus

making the sacred penmen each other's commentators; illustrating the prophecies by the record of their fulfilment; and consulting the narratives of the same facts by different historians. Had such a course of reading been generally pursued in the families of Friends, and proper care been taken by parents to interest and inform the minds of their children, respecting the doctrines of the Christian faith, many, who are now unhappily perplexed with the doubts and difficulties of unbelief, might have been saved from the labyrinth in which they are involved.

"Impressed with these considerations, we have formed ourselves into an association by the name of "The Bible Association of Friends in America," and we invite and anticipate your cordial co-operation in our labours. To those who may be disposed to ask whether the ends we have in view, would not be as well or better attained by a union with other religious denominations, who are engaged in this truly Christian labour, it will be a sufficient reply, that the present peculiar condition of our religious society appears to us to require a union and concentration of our exertions among ourselves. Those ends, moreover, could not be fully gained by individual association with any other body, not knowing, and not organized for providing for, the wants of our own members. Our efforts will be directed, in the first place, to printing and furnishing to the members of our religious society, an octavo Bible, in large type, on fine paper and with marginal references, a good concordance and family record. However singular it may appear, it is believed to be a fact, that, notwithstanding the numerous reprints of the Bible which have been recently published in this country, there is not now extant any octavo edition, in clear large type, and on good paper, containing the valuable marginal references of Canne, and Brown's concordance, both which are found to be of great practical utility in the profitable perusal of the sacred volume. It may also be remarked, that many of the Bibles and Testaments used in schools are in a small type, and printed on paper of inferior quality, which render them very difficult for children to read, especially such as are beginning to learn. A distaste for the sacred writings is often thus acquired, merely from the form in which they are presented, before the child is of an age duly to appreciate the preciousness of their contents. An edition in a good clear type, and on a fair paper, suitable for the use of schools, and withal at a moderate price, is also an important desideratum.

"The means by which we propose to carry our views into effect, will be found to be simple and comprehensive. The managers of the pa-

rent Association will be entrusted with its general concerns. It is proposed that the business of distribution should be placed principally with the auxiliary societies, one at least of which, we hope to see formed in every Quarterly Meeting throughout the Continent. The terms of subscription, in the auxiliary societies, will be left entirely to the judgment and convenience of the Friends who form them. Every auxiliary will be expected to remit its contributions to the treasurer of the general association, and will be entitled to receive the whole amount of its contributions in Bibles or Testaments at the Society's lowest prices. Any member of the Society of Friends in America, contributing thirty dollars in one payment, or three dollars per annum, whether to the general or an auxiliary association, shall be considered a member of the Bible Association. And every member of this Association, or of any auxiliary, shall be entitled to a return of one half the amount of his annual or life subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at such prices as the committee may establish.

"A copy of the constitution is herewith annexed, as well as a set of rules for the organization of auxiliary associations, which is recommended to the consideration of Friends about to form them; a uniform plan being very desirable.

"In the humble hope that the divine blessing may rest upon our endeavours, we recommend these views to the serious consideration of our fellow-members throughout this Continent, and earnestly solicit their countenance and co-operation."

Extract from the Circular issued by the Corresponding Committee, 1st month, 1820.

"From the well known fact, that the Society of Friends has so long and earnestly recommended to its members the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and that care has been taken in some places to supply such families as were known to be destitute of them, it has been supposed, by some persons, that the establishment of a Bible association among Friends, was not necessary, and that its labours must be very limited. But, independently of the obligation we are under to contribute our aid in the general distribution of the Sacred Volume, there is reason to believe, from recent personal inquiry, that a much greater deficiency of these invaluable writings exists among our own members, than is generally imagined. An examination lately made within some por-

tions of the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, has disclosed the painful fact, that there are individuals and families under our name, who are destitute of the Sacred Volume; while in some other Yearly Meetings the deficiency is still greater. Friends who have travelled extensively over this Continent, and had ample opportunities of personal inspection, bear witness to the fact, that there are many families, in our Society, who are without a complete copy of the Bible; and supplies of the Scriptures. to a limited extent, have actually been purchased with funds liberally remitted by Friends in England, and sent into several sections of the country. Facts, of an indisputable character, which have come under the notice of the committee, place it beyond a doubt, that while Friends have been issuing repeated recommendations to their members to be diligent in the perusal of those invaluable records, there has actually been a want of Bibles to read. We trust it is only necessary to allude to these painful facts, to convince every well concerned Friend, that it is our duty to take efficient measures for remedying an evil, which, if suffered to continue, cannot fail to produce the most injurious consequences.

"When we look at the situation of many of our brethren who live in remote parts of the country, where books are scarce and dear, and money difficult to be procured; and whose daily wants require the whole of the little they can earn—who have large families of children growing up around them, many of whom do not possess a perfect copy of the Holy Scriptures; it certainly presents a strong claim on our benevolent and Christian feelings, to contribute our portion towards supplying them with a book, which, of all others, is best calculated to promote their moral and religious improvement.

"If these considerations are permitted to have due weight, we apprehend they must produce a general and condial concurrence in the views of the Association, and convince Friends that it is our duty to prosecute this undertaking without delay. It is hoped, that the head of every family of Friends will so far accord therewith, as to present a copy of our Bible to each of his children, who may be of an age to read it; enjoining, as the condition of so valuable a gift, the daily perusal of some portion of its excellent contents—a practice, from which permanent benefits may be anticipated.

"Should the labours of the Association happily be productive of so general a circulation of the Sacred Volume, it is believed that many thousand copies will be required to supply the demand. The edition which

the Association proposes to publish will possess such advantages over those now to be obtained, as respects the size and clearness of the type, the marginal references and copious index, as to make it desirable that even those who possess others, should be supplied with copies of it. In order to enable the Association to do this, and also to meet the wants of those who are entirely destitute, liberal aid from Friends in affluent circumstances will be necessary.

"It is desirable that an auxiliary association should be formed, as early as practicable, in every Quarterly Meeting on this Continent; for it must be through the agency of these that the parent Association is made acquainted with the wants of Friends in different sections of the country. It will be perceived by the "Rules for the Government of Auxiliary Associations," printed with the constitution and address, that the subscription required to entitle to membership in them, is left to the discretion of Friends where they may be formed. It is not expected that it will exceed ten dollars in one payment, or one dollar annually, and in some places it may be expedient to make it less than this. While the smallness of the subscription will thus place the right of membership within the reach of all, we trust it will not prevent those who are wealthy from making liberal contributions. Thirty dollars in one payment, or three dollars annually, will make a Friend a member, not only of an auxiliary, but also of the parent Association.

"It cannot be expected that those whose means are small, will give largely; but even a very moderate sum, such as most persons could conveniently spare, if paid regularly, would defray the expense of a large number of Bibles. Thus, if each family of Friends in America would be willing to contribute one dollar, annually, for five years, it would probably produce a sum sufficient to enable the Society to accomplish the primary objects which it has in view.

"Should it appear that there is not a large number of Friends in a Quarterly Meeting, who feel disposed, at the present time, to unite in forming an auxiliary association, it need not discourage such as are favourable to the measure, from taking proper steps for facilitating this important and desirable object. Five or six members are sufficient to commence an auxiliary; and wherever this number can be obtained, we would encourage them to organize themselves, and to make inquiry into the deficiency which may exist in their respective meetings, and open a correspondence with the parent Institution, in order that the requisite supply of Bibles may be obtained.

"We believe, that as this course is steadily pursued, the members and funds of such auxiliaries will gradually increase, and the benefits resulting from their Christian labours will be so apparent, that Friends generally will become desirous of giving their aid in a work, which, we think, cannot fail to be blessed to the Society.

"If fifty auxiliary societies are established, and each contributes, yearly, an average of only one hundred dollars, the sum thus remitted to the parent Association would be five thousand dollars, annually. When it is recollected that the whole amount transmitted by auxiliaries may be obtained by them in Bibles and Testaments, to distribute within their own limits; and that to some of the remote Quarterly Meetings it will be necessary to send a much larger number of Bibles than the funds collected by them will pay for, we hope that auxiliaries, whose members are in easy circumstances, will be encouraged to make liberal remittances to the parent Association.

"If the funds of the Association should ever be more than sufficient to supply the wants of our own religious Society, it is proposed to furnish the Bible gratuitously to persons not in membership with us; particularly to those whose defective sight, or other causes, renders a large type necessary: and also, to sell it at about the cost, to individuals or Bible Societies, who may wish to purchase it for distribution. Thus we shall be contributing our aid in the great Christian duty of disseminating those inspired writings, which, in the wisdom and goodness of a merciful Providence, have been miraculously preserved and transmitted to the present times, as a means of diffusing a knowledge of the saving truths of our holy religion, and meliorating the moral and religious condition of the human race."

Extract from the Circular issued by the Corresponding Committee, 3d month, 1830. Published in "The Friend."

"It gives us much pleasure to observe that this interesting concern is obtaining increased attention and support among Friends, and has already made its way in places where an early co-operation could hardly have been anticipated. The number of auxiliaries is increasing, and in some of the country meetings, active exertions are making to procure subscriptions to their funds. As the stereotype plates are already in a state of considerable forwardness, and arrangements are making to have the Bible ready as early as practicable, it is particularly desirable that Friends, within the limits of the different Quarterly Meetings, who are

disposed to unite in the Christian labour of distributing them, should promptly organize themselves into auxiliaries, and ascertain whether any, and if any, what number of persons or families in their respective districts are not duly furnished with Bibles, in order that the acting committee may be enabled to form an estimate of the number of copies likely to be called for when it is first published."

Extract from the First Annual Report, issued in 1830.

"At the close of the period for which they were chosen, the acting committee submit to the Bible Association the following brief summary of their proceedings, of the present situation, and of the prospects of the Institution. Although but five months have elapsed since our appointment, we have great satisfaction in being able to state that considerable progress has been made in the duties more immediately committed to our charge. The amount subscribed to the funds of the Association having warranted us in proceeding immediately to contract with the stereotype founders; inquiries were instituted at the principal establishments of the kind in New York and Philadelphia, and an engagement entered into with Jedediah Howe, of this city, for casting two sets of plates for the entire Bible, and one for the New Testament. The type for all these copies is to be of the size called Small Pica; the first set of the Bible is to be on a super-royal page, and to have marginal readings and references; for the second set, and for the New Testament, the types are to be overrun, and the page cast of a smaller size, without the marginal readings and references. The testament will be printed on a duodecimo page, and will make a volume of about 350 pages. The whole cost of the three sets of plates is to be \$4,382. The committee have availed themselves of an opportunity of purchasing a set of plates for Brown's Concordance for the sum of \$250, which is not more than onehalf the cost of stereotyping them if done to order. They have also agreed to print the excellent index contained in Bagster's comprehensive Bible, which will not occupy much more space than is taken up by the chronological table usually printed with the Sacred Volume, and provided for in the contract for the plates. In the choice of references, to parallel passages, the committee have taken much pains to ascertain the most correst and valuable set extant, and have fixed upon that compiled for Bagster's Polyglutt Bible Harne in his valuable Introduction to the Study of the Holy Scriptures, speaks of this edition as the most elegant and useful of all the pocket editions of the English Bible with parallel references, and says it contains a new selection of upwards of sixty thousand references to passages that are really parallel.

"The letters which have been received from various quarters in approbation of the objects of the Bible Association, have been of the most gratifying and encouraging nature, as will appear by the following extracts from the Report of the corresponding members:—

"A letter, received from a Friend in England, dated 12th month, 14th, 1829, says—'We are truly glad to hear that you have made such progress in providing for the general circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the members of our Society on your Continent, and we have read with much satisfaction your address to Friends, and hope it will obtain a cordial co-operation in every Quarterly Meeting. It appears obvious, that if we would know our duty as men and as Christians, and the blessed means which God in his abundant mercy has provided for our restoration and final salvation, we must carefully read the Holy Scriptures. They direct us to Christ, the living eternal Word, and teach us that we must seek by faith and repentance, and by fervent prayer, to be built upon Him. They cannot of themselves make us truly wise and happy and good, but they point out the way, and their effect, if rightly received and meditated upon, is to lead us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to Christ Jesus—the way, the truth, and the life.'

"Another letter says—'It is truly grateful to Friends here to find that you have undertaken so laudable a work as that of providing for the supply of every Friend's family, and of Friends' schools, with a Bible; and we hope that, although difficulties and delays will arise, you will be able to carry forward and accomplish this good work.'

"A letter from Baltimore, states—'We have received the specimen sheet of your Bible, and think it a very fine one, and the parallel passages highly illustrative and valuable.'

"Another letter, from the same place, says—' The Bible Association has the best wishes of Friends here.'

"In contemplating the future operations of the Bible Association, the committee think they perceive a wide field for useful labour. It is not merely the destitute of our own flock to whom we owe the duty of thus supplying them with the Holy Scriptures—next in the order of their claims, are those descendants of Friends who have lost their right of membership, but who frequent our meetings, and rank themselves as professors of the same faith with us. They retain, in many instances, their attachment to the Society; and we have no doubt that there will

be found among the poorer class of these, a greater deficiency in the supply, and of inability to purchase the Bible, than among our own members. Nor are the duties of Christian charity limited to the narrow circle of our own members and professors. The poor and the destitute who are thrown more immediately upon our care and notice, whatever may be their name to religion, will also claim our sympathy. And we cannot doubt, that upon all who labour with honest and humble intentions, to spread in any degree a knowledge of the Gospel of our Holy Redeemer, a blessing will rest; and that in the good of which they may thus become the instruments, they will be more than rewarded for their exertions, by the sweet incomes of peace to their own minds.

"A letter recently received from a distant correspondent, contains the following paragraphs; namely—

"'Although we feel unable to contribute much towards so great a work, yet we can express our full approbation of the concern, and our hearty wishes for its successful issue.

"'From the report of a committee appointed for the purpose, it appears that a greater deficiency exists in the families of Friends than was expected.'

"By information lately received from our friends in England, we learn that the Meeting for Sufferings in London has officially expressed its full unity with the establishment of The Bible Association of Friends in America, and its satisfaction in finding that measures were about to be taken to promote a more general circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the families of Friends."

Extract from the Circular issued by the Corresponding Committee, 12th month, 1830.

"The returns which have been obtained from various sections of the country, warrant the conclusion that the demand for the Bible will greatly exceed not only the number printed, but also the funds at the disposal of the parent Association. The managers, however, have agreed to put a second edition immediately to press, relying on the liberality of Friends for the funds necessary to meet the expense. The subscriptions and donations received by the Association have been entirely absorbed in paying for the stereotype plates and printing the first edition, which leaves it without the means of sending Bibles gratuitously to those parts of the country in which they are greatly needed, and where the money cannot

be obtained to purchase them. The corresponding committee would, therefore, earnestly press upon Friends who live in wealthy neighbourhoods, where Bibles are easily procured, to form auxiliary societies, and endeavour to excite a liberal disposition in contributing to their funds, in order that the surplus, after supplying the deficiency, if any, in their own districts, may be appropriated towards enabling the managers to satisfy the wants of those auxiliaries, where the deficiency of Bibles is very great, and the funds raised necessarily small and totally inadequate to pay for them."

Extract from the Second Annual Report, issued in 1831.

"The first edition of the Bible with, and of that without notes, consisted of one thousand copies each, and that of the school Testament of fifteen hundred copies; the second edition of the former is to consist of fifteen hundred copies, of which two hundred and fifty are to be on paper of a superior quality. It has been agreed to authorize the executive committee to purchase the necessary materials for, and proceed with, the printing of four thousand copies of the Bible, and one thousand copies of the school Testament.

"Conceiving it to be an object of primary importance to have the stereotype plates as nearly correct as possible, the managers took measures to secure several proof readings before the last corrections were made. By our contract with Jedediah Howe, the stereotype founder, it was agreed that the proofs should undergo three separate readings in his office, previous to the delivery of the work. In addition to this, several proofs were taken for our own use, one set of which was placed in the hands of an experienced proof reader for examination, who gave it two several readings, and received two hundred dollars as a compensation. Another set was taken by the same manager, to whom we are indebted for the use we were enabled to make of Bagster's marginal references, and compared by him with Eyre & Strahan's celebrated quarto edition of 1813, which is regarded in England as a standard text. The copies thus marked were examined by a committee of the Board, and the adopted corrections transferred to a third copy, which was sent to the type founder as his authority in making the final corrections. Three or four slight errors which escaped unnoticed, and which are all that have yet been discovered, will be corrected in the next edition. Apart from these, it is believed that the text is nearly faultless, and it is generally acknowledged, by those qualified to judge, to be the best octavo edition of the Bible in the English language.

"In order to procure as far as possible the correction of any errors which may remain, the managers have placed a copy interleaved with blank paper at the Depository, for public inspection; and it is much to be desired that our friends, upon discovering an error in the text, would call at the office and make the requisite correction in the book thus prepared.

"Amidst the numerous editions of the Bible that are extant, it is impossible that variations in small or unimportant words should not have crept in. To ascertain the weight of authority in favour of any one reading, it is necessary to the biblical critic that he possess copies of these various editions. With this view the managers have commenced forming a Library, in which they wish to collect all the editions of the English Bible that have hitherto appeared, and such as they may be able to obtain in foreign languages. They respectfully solicit donations towards the accomplishment of this object.

"It is a duty which we owe as brethren of the same faith, to strengthen each other in all good works; to minister to the necessities—not merely the physical necessities of each other, but the moral and religious progress—to place within the reach of all, that book which the united testimony of the best and wisest men, has pronounced to be the greatest of outward blessings.

"The spirit of Christian benevolence is a motive to action which never rests satisfied in self-indulgence, while a brother or a fellow-creature appeals to it for sympathy. It is sufficient to secure its aid, that distress or poverty be made known to it, and that it lies within its power to relieve it. It considers the blessings of Providence as gifts in trust for the afflicted and needy; and as it prizes the moral above the physical well-being of our nature, the strongest appeals which can be made to its sympathies, are those that have for their object the religious improvement of the human race. When we narrow the circle on behalf of which the appeal is made, to that community which concentrates, within itself, our strongest and tenderest affections, and with the condition of which, whether prosperous or adverse, the welfare and the happiness of ourselves and our children are identified, how much do we add to its moral force!

"Confidently trusting to the influence of these motives on the minds of their fellow-members, the managers have not hesitated to conduct the operations of the Association on a scale which they felt assured would be required to supply the wants of our religious Society. They have encountered expenses, and made arrangements for the future, which will require the aid of a liberal hand to meet; and they have done this, in the full belief that so useful a work of Christian charity will not be suffered to fall to the ground. The contracts which the managers have authorized will require large additional resources; and in order to place the Association upon a firm and prosperous ground, a capital of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars should be raised.

When we reflect that the great deficiency of Bibles in our Society exists in remote places, and arises from a real inability to purchase them, it is manifest that we cannot expect to remove it without much assistance from Friends more happily circumstanced. We must therefore rely for aid, in prosecuting our labours, upon those Friends, wherever they are situated, who have the ability and the inclination to promote the welfare of their fellow-members, and whose Christian sympathies are not often appealed to in vain.

"The answers which have been given to the circular of the corresponding committee, reported those families only as deficient, which possessed no complete copy of the scriptures. It is probable that in a far greater number of cases than is reported, the supply is limited to a single copy, and that this is often such as to be illegible by old persons. But can a single copy of this invaluable book, be properly termed a supply for a large family? We answer, that it cannot: that the scriptures should be for the private reading of individuals; their companion, not merely when assembled with the family, but in their hours of retirement. Every member of our religious society, who has attained to years of reflection, should have free and constant access to the scriptures, and be encouraged to make them his study and delight. The managers hope to see these views more generally prevail, and thus anticipate a large extension in the field of labour for this Association. Should it become the practice to supply every adult individual in a family with a Bible, the example ought first to be given by the members of the Bible Association. They may then plead their own practice, and the advantages of it, in recommending it to their friends, and we may hope that so wholesome a custom will be adopted, sooner or later, throughout our Society.

"In promoting the object for which it was instituted, it is evident that the parent Society must be regarded chiefly as a central point of action, operating through the agency of auxiliary associations. Wherever auxiliaries are formed, we may hope for efficient aid in ascertaining the state of society, and in supplying the deficiencies which exist. It is by their aid that we must act at a distance. Regarding their formation throughout our Society, therefore, as essential to the full success of the Institution, we recommend the subject to the consideration of the Association, in order that some means may be adopted for promoting their more general establishment."

Extract from the Third Annual Report, issued in 1832.

"Soon after the last annual meeting, the second edition of the Bible with references, consisting of twelve hundred and fifty copies, was published, and the third edition, comprising four thousand copies, was immediately put to press. Of this edition the printing has been completed, and a considerable number has been delivered at the Depository. In the Seventh month last, an edition of two hundred and fifty copies of the same Bible, printed on superfine paper was issued, and it is believed that as respects the beauty and durability of the materials and the neatness of the execution, it will advantageously compare with the best editions of the Holy Scriptures printed in this country.

"Of the school Testament two editions have been printed: one of fifteen hundred copies was published in the Third month, and the other of one thousand copies in the Eighth month last. Of the school Bible, but one edition has been issued, but the stock of this Bible as well as of the Testaments being much reduced, another edition of each will shortly be required.

"In order to secure a supply of materials to meet any probable demand, the managers have authorized a contract for a quantity of paper sufficient to print four thousand Bibles in addition to those now in progress.

"Since the publication of the first edition, in the Second month of last year, 3186 Bibles have been disposed of, to wit: 2473 Bibles with references, 97 copies of the same Bible on superfine paper, and 616 school Bibles. In the same period 2232 Testaments have been distributed.—There have been sent to auxiliary associations 1153 reference Bibles, 196 school Bibles, and 835 Testaments; sold to contributors and others, 1033 reference Bibles, 216 school Bibles, and 965 Testaments. Of those furnished to auxiliaries, 32 Bibles have been disposed of within the limits of the New England Yearly Meeting, 199 within those of New

York, 470 within Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 53 in Virginia, 156 in North Carolina, 235 in Ohio, and 304 in Indiana Yearly Meetings. In addition to these, 200 Bibles with references, 200 school Bibles, and 400 Testaments have been forwarded to the Indiana Meeting for Sufferings, and paid for out of a fund placed at our disposal for that purpose.

"The stock on hand, exclusive of books in sheets, consists of 189 reference Bibles, 288 school Bibles, and 216 Testaments. So far as the managers have been able to collect the opinions of Friends from their correspondence with the auxiliaries and from other sources, our several editions of the Bible and Testament have been received with decided approbation. The few errors which were discovered in the first edition have been corrected in the others, and from the great facility of correcting inaccuracies afforded by the stereotype plates, it is hoped that the text of our Bible may before long be rendered nearly faultless. The usefulness of the references to parallel texts, in promoting and assisting the study of the sacred writings, appears to be generally appreciated, as is evinced by the greater demand for the reference Bible, while the smaller copy has been found well adapted to supply the want which has been long felt in our schools, of an edition of the scriptures at once portable and easily legible.

"Since their last report the managers have been officially advised of the formation of eight additional auxiliaries, to wit: Miami, Ohio; Yonge Street, Upper Canada; Red Stone, Pennsylvania; Upper Quarterly Meeting, Virginia; White Lick, Indiana; Scipio, New York; Westfield, Indiana; and Eastern, North Carolina; making the whole number of these associations twenty-eight. In the proceedings of the auxiliaries, the managers recognise with satisfaction a commendable zeal for the promotion of the objects of the Institution. They regret, however, that they have not yet been been furnished with such statements of the deficiencies in their respective neighbourhoods as would enable the Association properly to estimate the necessity for more strenuous efforts to place the Holy Scriptures in the hands of every member of our religious society. That great deficiencies do exist, the facts mentioned in the last annual report sufficiently prove, and the few returns since received confirm the conclusion.

"Among the most encouraging circumstances which have attended the labours of the managers, is the increased number of the auxiliaries.

"Of the services assigned by the constitution to the different departments in the Society, none are more important than those which devolve

upon these associations. To investigate the wants of their respective vicinities, to promote the careful study of the sacred writings, and to keep open a channel of communication by which the sympathies of Friends may be awakened in each other's behalf, are duties, upon the due performance of which, the success of the Institution essentially depends. The managers trust that the time is not far distant when no Quarterly Meeting on this Continent will be without at least one auxiliary, and not until then will the benefit to be derived from this Association be fully realized.

"In their last report the managers expressed a hope that a building might be procured in a central situation in this city, for the more convenient transaction of the business of the Institution. They have now the satisfaction to state that this object has been happily attained. In the Fifth month last, a lot situate on Fourth near Arch Street, containing in front about 32 feet, and nearly 80 feet in depth, was purchased by direction of the Board, and as soon as possesion could be obtained. buildings covering nearly the whole area were commenced, and are now so far completed as to be occupied by the Association and its tenants. The location of these buildings, their size, and internal arrangements are such as admirably adapt them to the object in view. In a very public situation, near to one of the greatest thoroughfares of the city, affording spacious rooms for the printing and binding offices, and for the accommodation of the Board, it is hoped that they will essentially aid the economical and secure conducting of our business, as well as promote the sales of our Bibles. The whole expense of the lot and buildings is estimated at about twenty-one thousand dollars. The raising of so large a sum would have greatly embarrassed the Board, had they not have affected an advantageous arrangement with one of their number, by which this difficulty was obviated. In accordance with this agreement, the funds for the purchase of the lot and the erection of the buildings have been furnished by the member alluded to, for which the Association is to pay interest at less than the legal rate, together with the taxes and repairs, reserving the right to obtain a title to the premises at the end of seven years by refunding the first cost. By this arrangement the Board have not only secured convenient accommodations for the transaction of its business, but will derive some income from the surplus rents. The moneys accruing from this source, after deducting interest, taxes, and repairs, the managers have directed to be invested as a sinking fund, to be applied eventually to redeeming the premises, and for the means of increasing this fund they confidently appeal to the liberality of Friends. Should the Association be able to pay off the cost of these buildings at the expiration of the term agreed upon, the whole of the rents arising from them might be applied to the gratuitous distribution of the Bible, and a permanency and security would be given to the operations of the Institution, which, under the Divine blessing, could not fail to be most beneficially felt.

"On reviewing the occurrences of the past year, the managers are confirmed in the belief that the Institution, to the direction of which they have been called, is one which has strong claims upon the liberality and zealous co-operation of their fellow-members. Divested of all sectional views, it embraces within the sphere of its operations the whole society, wherever located on this extensive Continent; it asks the assistance of all in distributing that volume in which all have an equal interest; and it appeals to us in behalf not of strangers, but of brethren connected to us by the endearing tie of a common faith."

Extract from the Circular issued by the Corresponding Committee, 6th month, 1832.

"The corresponding members of the Bible Association take the liberty again to call the attention of Friends, and especially of the members of the auxiliary societies, to the objects for which the Association was established-objects, which they believe have not diminished in value or importance, and for the attainment of which, the past labours of the Society show that much yet remains to be done. At the period when the idea of forming such an Institution was first suggested, many who were favourable to the more general circulation of the Holy Scriptures. could not believe that the actual wants of the society of Friends required such an effort to supply them. It seemed to be taken for granted that every Friend must of course be possessed of a Bible, and the apprehensions of those who were disposed to believe the contrary, were deemed chimerical. Notwithstanding this, there was a painful conviction on the minds of some Friends, that among our own members, and especially in remote sections of the country, a deficiency in the supply of those precious records existed, that was altogether unknown to many of their brethren more favourably situated; and to which it would be difficult to induce them to give full credit. The exertions of the auxiliaries have happily tended to make us better acquainted with the real situation of our mem-

bers, and have proved that the fears which were entertained are not without foundation. It is a circumstance which must be peculiarly gratifying to every friend of the Bible, that the proposal for organizing the Association, after some explanation of its design and the necessity which demanded it, received the cordial concurrence of Friends in nearly every part of the country, and was entered into with a zeal and activity which were as unexpected as they were pleasing. In the short space of two years, twenty-eight auxiliary associations have been formed, and prompt measures adopted by many of them to ascertain and supply the deficiencies within their respective limits. The inquiries thus set on foot elicited facts of a suprising character, and soon convinced even the most incredulous that there was indeed great occasion within our borders, for the labour of this or some other similar Institution. In order to give the investigation a definite and regular form, the corresponding members issued a circular in Twelfth month, 1830, addressing to auxiliaries and the friends of the Institution generally, a series of questions calculated to unfold the state of their respective districts. We regret that from some of the auxiliaries no answers have yet been receivedbut those which have come to hand develop a state of things that must, we apprehend, arouse the energies, and secure the prompt aid of every real Friend, in supplying the now known deficiencies.

"The following extracts from the Annual Reports, will give some idea of the facts to which we allude; namely-

- "Answers to this circular have been received from various parts of the Continent, which exhibit a deficiency in the supply of the Scriptures that must be painful to every feeling mind.
- "'One letter states, that within the limits of the association there were 247 families; of which 25 are without the Old Testament, and 20 are destitute both of the Old and New: there are 10 schools within its limits, and 250 scholars in attendance, most of whom are unprovided with the scriptures. The letter further states, that a more general concern of late prevails to have them supplied.
- "In a letter from the secretary of another association, the number of families is stated to be 350; of which 18 are destitute of the scriptures. It is also stated, that there is a great deficiency of Bibles in their schools.
- " Another letter states, that in the limits of the auxiliary there are 88 families destitute of complete copies, and that their schools are not well supplied.

- "'The report from another auxiliary states, that its limits embrace 800 families; of which 78 are without complete copies of the scriptures, and it is added that a great deficiency exists in the proper supply of Testaments in the schools.
- "' Another letter states, that there are wanting within the district where the auxiliary is formed, 100 large Bibles, 50 small Bibles, and 50 Testaments.
- "In another district from which information has been received, 30 families are entirely destitute of the sacred volume.
- "'In another, containing 180 families, there are reported to be 20 families which are without a copy of the Bible; and 40 have the New and not the Old Testament; and six schools, attended by 150 children, of whom 50 have neither Bibles nor Testaments.
- "A letter from another auxiliary says, We have endeavoured to answer those queries alluded to in as explicit and concise a manner as circumstances would admit:—
 - " '1st. About 50 families destitute of the scriptures.
- "'2d. None have the Old and not the New Testament; about thirty have the New and not the Old.
- "'3d. About 250 children are at school within our limits; of whom 175 can read, and 50 are not supplied with the Old or New Testament.
- "44th. One hundred and twenty-five Bibles and as many Testaments can be sold. There are about 400 families within the limits of this association.
- "It thus appears, that within the limits of seven auxiliary associations from which reports have been received, there are about 400 families unprovided with complete copies of the Old and New Testament; and that there is a very great deficiency in the supply of the schools. We have reason to believe also, that the Bible with which many Friends are supplied, is an inferior school Bible, printed on poor paper, and in small type. The reports also state, that 138 families are destitute of the New Testament. In stating these facts, we by no means design to cast censure upon our brethren. Yet we should not do justice to the cause in which we have engaged, if we did not make them the foundation of an appeal to the Christian sympathies of our Friends.
- ""We are glad to find, that the desire to obtain our edition of the Holy Scriptures, is very great in many parts of the country; that it is probable large numbers will be sold; and the existing deficiency thus in a degree removed. After all who can afford to purchase are supplied,

there will still remain many who are destitute of the book, and unable, of themselves, to procure it. These will naturally look to the Bible Association for a gratuitous supply, and it must be the wish of all our members that they may not be disappointed.'

Report of 1831.

" By only two of the auxiliaries have distinct answers been forwarded to the queries upon this interesting subject, in the course of the past year. Of these, one states that four families and 38 adults are destitute of the Old and New Testaments, and that of 190 children of Friends attending school, ' few are duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures.' The other mentions that out of 180 families and parts of families within its limits, 38 are destitue of full copies of the Bible, and 23 of the New Testament. Another auxiliary acknowledges the receipt of the Bibles and Testaments forwarded by the agent, and adds, that many more Bibles could be distributed, but that they have not the money to pay for them. On comparing the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed to the auxiliaries, with the deficiencies stated to exist within the limits of the few who had been heard from at the date of last report, the members of the Association will not fail to notice the very inadequate supply which has been furnished. It is a fact which the managers feel to be a distressing one, but which they believe it to be their duty to press upon the notice of thoir fellow-members, that a large number of families belonging to the Society of Friends in various parts of our favoured country, are to this day deprived of easy access to the Holy Scriptures. It is undeniably true that many children of Friends are thus brought up in very great ignorance of those sacred records-and it is a melancholy consequence of this state of things, that the evil which it is now in our power to remedy, will, if neglected, soon be no longer under our control. To apply that remedy is not now within the means of the managers. The funds at their disposal have been expended in books and materials, and a debt of \$4000 has been incurred, to meet which they must depend upon the returns from the auxiliaries, and on voluntary subscriptions. It is to the members of auxiliary associations, who, surrounded by outward blessings, can sympathize with those whose limited circumstances preclude even the purchase of a Bible, that we must look for the means to supply our suffering brethren with this greatest external source of consolation and instruction. The managers are aware that this is an appeal to the liberality of Friends of an unusual character. But the investigations consequent upon the establishment of this Institution have resulted in the discovery of deficiencies as unexpected as they are deplorable, and it is believed that even now Friends are far from being sufficiently apprized of the necessity which exists for prompt and united exertions to remedy this great and increasing evil. Deeply impressed with the importance of furnishing a supply of Bibles to those districts in which the greatest deficiencies are known to exist, the managers are unwilling to leave this part of the subject without suggesting that those auxiliary associations within whose limits Friends are generally in more easy circumstances, be requested to take immediate measures for raising a fund to be applied under the direction of the Board to the gratuitous distribution of Bibles and Testaments.

Report of 1832

"The correspondence of the committee since the receipt of these accounts, fully confirms the belief that great deficiencies exist in parts which yet remain to be heard from, and that persevering and efficient efforts must be pursued, and a spirit of liberality still cherished, in order that even each family in membership with our religious society may be put in possession of a perfect and easily legible copy of the Holy Bible.

"But our labours would be very imperfect if they closed here. We rejoice to perceive that the invaluable contents of that best of all books, are gaining increasing attention among the younger members of our society; that the sacred scriptures are more diligently studied and more highly prized by them-and we trust it is not presumption to believe that this happy effect is, in part at least, attributable to the Divine blessing on the labours of the Bible Association. When we consider that many families consist of six, eight, or ten persons capable of reading, each of whom has a deep and solemn interest at stake in the great truths recorded in that Book, it is surely our duty to aim at furnishing every member of such families with a copy of it-and short of this, there can, we apprehend, be no adequate supply. To meet this demand many thousands of Bibles must yet be printed and circulated by the Association; and it confidently appeals to the kindness and Christian liberality of Friends, for the funds necessary to enable it to accomplish this very desirable object.

"Nor do the views of the Association stop here. In the feeling of that Christian benevolence which embraces the whole human family,

and as it 'has opportunity, delights to do good unto all men, though especially to them who are of the household of faith,' it expressly avows in its constitution, that while 'its attention shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious society of Friends as may not be duly supplied,' yet that as its funds may permit, it will distribute it to other persons also. It will be seen therefore that, whether we confine our views, for the present, to the pale of our own society, or extend them beyond its limits, to professors with us, or attenders of our meetings, or to our fellow-citizens indiscriminately, who may be destitute of the sacred scriptures, an ample and untrodden field of labour yet remains to be traversed.

"Impressed with these interesting views of the subject, and deeply sensible that the promotion of true religion is intimately connected with the spread of the Bible and with its daily and devout perusal, the corresponding committee again earnestly and affectionately invite the diligent co-operation of the several auxiliary societies in promoting the objects of the parent Institution; and particularly in endeavouring to furnish every family of Friends on this Continent, with a copy of the Association's Bible, for each member of it who is capable of reading.

"We are aware that much has already been effected by many of the auxiliaries; but much still remains to be done. To those who view the subject correctly, it will not appear sufficient that they have contributed the sum requisite to constitute them members of the Association, or that Friends within the limits of their own auxiliary are amply supplied with the Holy Scriptures. So long as there are others of their brethren, however remote their situation, who cannot procure for themselves a copy of the Bible, and whose auxiliary has not funds adequate to meet the demands upon it-they will feel bound to render their aid towards supplying the needy and destitute. The numerous pecuniary demands on Friends, which the peculiar situation of society within the last five years has occasioned, have been met with a promptitude and liberality that are highly creditable. Instead, however, of dwelling too much on what we have already given, let us rather look at our ability to contribute more. Are we now any less able to yield a portion of our wealth for charitable or society purposes, than we were when those demands first commenced? Has our liberality at all lessened our income? or on the other hand, has it not been attended with an increase more than adequate to meet the calls which are made on us? Such considerations, we apprehend, would remove diffi ulties, and open the way for a continuance of the same liberality which has thus far marked the course of society since the separation.

"The restricted state of the funds of the parent Institution, and the load of debt with which it is encumbered, prevent it from distributing any Bibles gratuitously. At the fixed price, and with the return which it makes to the subscribers and auxiliaries, (when demanded,) it is scarcely able to sustain the necessary expenditures; hence it cannot offer aid to those auxiliaries whose members are destitute of an adequate supply, and whose funds are so limited as to be unable to purchase. To remedy this evil it must look to the liberality of Friends generally, and to the auxiliaries which are formed in more wealthy sections of the country.

"Where auxiliaries have more funds than are necessary to supply the actual deficiencies within their limits, they would do well to place them at the disposal of the parent Institution, to be applied towards the aid of those associations whose wants greatly exceed their pecuniary means.

"As the operations of the parent Association depend almost entirely on the auxiliaries, and as those parts of the country where these are not formed must be in a great measure deprived of the advantages resulting from the Institution, we would again invite Friends in such places to organize themselves into auxiliaries, and report to the managers through this committee, that they may be regularly recognised as branches. Great and unexpected as has been the success attendant on the undertaking, it is still desirable that no part of the country should be excluded, and we trust the day is not far distant when the number of auxiliaries will at least equal that of the Quarterly Meetings in America."

The following extracts are subjoined, in order to show the opinions entertained of the Association's edition of the Bible.

From the Episcopal Recorder.

"FRIENDS' EDITION OF THE BIBLE.

"Our readers will find in another part of to-day's paper, a notice of this new edition of the Bible, which we would recommend to their attention. It is one of the cheapest and most beautiful editions which has been published in this country. It is of the royal octave size, and is much more convenient for family reading than the quarto form.

"The religious community will feel under obligations to 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' for adding the marginal references and readings, which have been too generally omitted in former editions. The translators, when in doubt respecting the meaning of a passage, placed one version in the text and another in the margin, without deciding in all cases which was most correct. They left it to the judgment of others to make this decision, and in many instances it has been in favour of the marginal reading. It is therefore, in our judgment, a question, whether any edition of the English Bible can be considered perfect without these readings.

"The marginal references furnish, perhaps, the best commentary for the study of the scriptures. Dr. Scott gives it as his opinion, 'that along with other means, (for none should be recommended exclusively,) consulting well selected marginal references, forms one of the best helps for fixing the word of God in the memory, leading the mind to a just interpretation of it, and in many cases rendering it most affecting to the heart. It tends powerfully to counteract all sceptical doubts, when every part of scripture is thus found (like the stones in an arch) to support and receive support from the rest, and to constitute one grand whole; the divine inspiration of which is proved by every prophecy or miracle, and all kind of external and internal evidence.'"

From the Philadelphian.

"FRIENDS' EDITION OF THE BIBLE.

"We expressed our gratification nearly a year ago, at the formation in this city of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and at their intention to publish an edition of the Holy Scriptures, in royal octavo, with the translators' various readings, and with marginal references.

"This work is now before the public, and it is, in our opinion, by far the best copy of the Bible for convenient family use, and for aged persons, which has ever issued from the American press. In saying this, we have not forgotten the merits of the quartos published by Collins of New York, and Carey of this city, which are entitled to great credit for their accuracy; but are not so convenient in form as the book before us. We have used also, and admired the royal octavo Bible stereotyped in Boston in 1829, and sold by Hillyard and others; but it contains no marginal translations and references, has some typographical inaccuracies, and is encumbered with the Apocrypha."

With a view of illustrating some of the advantages which have resulted from the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures, and the value set upon them by those into whose hands they have come, we subjoin the following extracts from "A Brief Analysis of the System of the American Bible Society."

"THE ADVANTAGES RESULTING FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BIBLE SOCIETIES, ILLUSTRATED BY THE EFFECTS WHICH THE CIRCULATION OF THE SCRIPTURES HAS PRODUCED.

"THE beneficial effects which have resulted from the establishment of Bible Societies, and from the extended circulation of the Holy Scriptures through their instrumentality, are, in their full extent, known only to HIM who had such a sense of the importance of the truths of his word, as to lav his followers under the strongest obligations to disseminate them. We cannot tell what are the results which a single Bible. put in the possession of a destitute family, may have produced, in its progress from hand to hand; what vicious persons it may have reclaimed. what parents and children instructed, what consolations afforded, what fears removed, and who in the light of its truth may have been trained up for heaven. But we have the promise of God, that 'as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.' While the Society would rely with implicit confidence on the promises of God, and feel assured that their labours are not in vain. still it is a source of encouragement that so many facts have come under their observation, in which the Scriptures have been joyfully received, and proved the happy means of reforming and saving the soul.

"The following facts are presented with a view to impress on the mind the importance of Bible Societies as the means of accomplishing good.

"The desire awakened in many who are destitute, to possess the Bible, and the gratitude with which it is received, are deserving notice.

"'A FEW days since a female about forty came to the Bible House, inquiring whether she could obtain a Bible gratuitously. From her general appearance and dress, it appeared as if she might be able to pur-

chase one; but on inquiry she burst into tears, and said it was not in her power to pay for one. On learning her history, which she gave with meekness and reserve, it appeared that she, like many other godly women, was connected with a cruel, profane husband, who denied her every religious privilege, except that of praying to Him who seeth in secret. She lives in the state of New Jersey, not far from New York, with no church nearer than three miles, and this she is not allowed to attend. Her husband has finally forbidden her to read or own a Bible; yet she thought that if she could obtain one she might conceal it from him and read it occasionally in the woods, a privilege, she observed, which she desired above all things to enjoy. Never have we seen a fellow-being so anxious for the bread that perisheth as this afflicted saint seemed to be for the bread of life; and we never felt so strongly before the preciousness of that holy volume to a child of God. She was furnished with this book which she sought, and may it be indeed the man of her counsel, and pleasant as it was to the Psalmist of Israel.' -Monthly Extracts for July, 1830.

"That some families were found in which there was no Bible, but which contain some of God's dear children, we fully believe. These were such as were either unable to read, or unable to purchase a Bible. An affecting instance of the latter was found in one of the eastern counties in the state. A pious widow, who had long struggled with poverty and sickness, was visited by one of the agents. When informed of the object of his visit, she could not refrain from blessing God aloud, as she lay on her sick bed, for his goodness in sending what she had long desired, but had been unable to procure a copy of his holy oracles. With tears she related the various ways by which she had for years endeayoured to obtain money enough to buy a Bible. Misfortune after misfortune had swept away her little savings to discharge debts contracted for articles necessary to subsistence and comfort, of the most limited nature. With the earnestness which sincerity inspires, she urged her benefactor to take the twenty-five cents, which were in a drawer, to which she pointed, and which she said was all the money which she had in the world. When told she must accept the Bible as a present from the Bible Society, she poured forth, from a grateful heart, her thanks to the Society which had sent her a Bible, and to God, who had disposed them to do it. We only add, that the account which she gave of her circumstances was fully confirmed by her neighbours.

"South Africa.—' The friends of the Bible Society will be glad to hear that the poor Namacquas, whose days were formerly spent in roaming over mountains and deserts, have learned, from the sacred Scriptures, to assemble together to worship the true and living God. From this holy book they have been taught their duty to God, to themselves, and to each other; and we have cause to be grateful that many of them endeavour, by their lives and conversation, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. Several, who can peruse the word of God themselves, are diligent in making its contents known to others. Divine light is thus communicated and diffused among those who are sitting in the shadow of death. May the Holy Spirit shed his sweet influence on the labours of all who are engaged in this great work, whether in a public or more private sphere. And may this river of life continue to flow till every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, shall drink of its healing streams.'

"'The Rev. A. Vos, of Tulbagh, on a late preaching excursion among the heathen in his neighbourhood, to questions put to them respecting the benefit they had received from copies of the Scriptures he had, on his former journeys, distributed among them, received the following replies:—

"'One said, 'The Bible is my amusement in the morning and in the evening:' another remarked, 'The Bible is my companion while I am employed superintending my cattle:' another said, 'I would not part from the Bible for the whole world; I find it contains every thing which is necessary for my consolation and encouragement in time and eternity.'

"'On a former journey, when he gave a New Testament to a family under great distress by the death of a son, who had left a widow and child, the mother of the young man was quite overjoyed, and running to every member of the family, exclaimed, as in transports, 'This is the book we wanted!' Visiting the same family on a recent journey, he found the two aged people reading the Scriptures together. On entering the apartment, the old man started from his seat, and pointing to the Bible, exclaimed, 'This, sir, is the most extraordinary book I ever read: it is full of wonder; I never knew, till I read that book, that such things had ever happened in the world. My wife and I, in our spare hours, do nothing but read this book to each other, and we never tire in reading it.'—Monthly Ex. No. 92. Brit. and For. Bible Soc. pp. 84, 85.

""The work of supplying Strafford County with the Bible has been far greater than was expected. But its results will be glorious. Already have many hearts been rejoiced. An old lady who had brought up a large family of children, as they were married off, one after another, gave each a Bible. When her youngest daughter was married, something more than a dozen years since, being then a widow, and not having the means of procuring her a Bible, she gave her her own and only Bible, and has ever since been destitute. When presented with one by the Society's agent, she received it with tears of joy."

" 'An agent called at the house of a poor woman, who appeared to have seen better days, but was then in deep distress. On inquiring whether they were supplied with Bibles, the woman immediately answered, in broken accents, that she once had a good Bible, but that a short time previous it had been taken from her by an officer, and sold; that her husband was in jail, and she had nothing with which she could purchase one. I therefore gave her a Bible, for which she expressed many thanks, assuring me, of her own accord, that, should she ever be able, it would be her first object to contribute something to the Bible Society. In another family, as soon as I began to make my inquiries, the woman appeared so much affected as hardly to be able to utter herself. She had several children, but no Bible, and was unable to buy one. I therefore gave her one. After this she told me the cause of her excitement. 'Some time ago,' said she, 'I attended the great meeting at Durham, and was very much affected, and when the contribution-box came round, I freely put in all the money I had, which was only twenty cents. When you began to make your inquiries, and presented me with a Bible, I was almost overwhelmed, for now I see that God has given me not only four-fold but five.'-Report of the Strafford County Bible Society, New Hampshire, for 1829.

"Gave one Bible to a poor man with a wife and three children; they had about two-thirds of an old Bible. As I presented them with a new one the poor woman took it and clasped it in her arms, and with joy sparkling in her countenance, exclaimed: 'It is the best present I ever had.'—Report of the Vermont Bible Society, 1819.

"A correspondent from North Carolina mentions, in a letter, the following instance of attachment to the Bible:—

"' An affecting little incident, of late occurrence, has made a very favourable impression on our cause. A poor widow, by the name of J.

in C. County, at the sale of her deceased husband's effects, had to make choice between a bed and Bible—she had no bed—she had no Bible—nor money enough to purchase both. She took the precious book and gave up the bed without a sigh! Would that all loved their Bible as this poor woman loved hers—then it would soon be in the hands of every man in our country.'—Monthly Extracts for Jan. 1830.

" A letter from the interior of Georgia states:-

"'Our prospects at this time are not very flattering, but we continue to hope the Lord will own and bless his own cause. One little circumstance has recently transpired, which affected me much. A man applied for a Testament, handing me a fifty cent piece, which he informed me had been the pocket-piece of a very poor woman for years, but which she was now willing to part with for the Holy Scriptures. May the Lord enable her to read to profit."—Monthly Extracts for Jan. 1827.

"The following statement is contained in the Annual Report of the Iredell County Bible Society.

"" One of your distributers called on a young family which did not possess the Holy Scriptures. The husband, who had saved a little money to pay his taxes, was at work some distance from home, on a neighbouring farm. The wife was very anxious to obtain a Bible, but she did not know how to take her husband's money to pay for one. The tax-gathering was near at hand, and the money, she feared, could not be replaced. She wished to consult her husband; and while your distributer proceeded to another family, she took her two little children, the one under one arm and the other by the hand, and went to her husband, who readily accompanied her to the appointed place. The result was, the purchase of a Bible at a reduced price.'—Report for 1828.

""On an aged pilgrim, who had for many years been a professor of religion, whose Bible was almost worn out, a Bible was bestowed, as she was deemed a proper object for the charity of the Society. Her eyes filled with tears as she took it into her hands, and viewed the precious book, saying 'she never expected to receive such a present as that.' It was the aim of your agent, every where to impress the minds of the people with the importance of having and reading the Holy Scriptures, which was 'able to make them wise unto salvation.' They appeared, in general, disposed to listen with deep attention to religious exhortation and instruction, as was manifested, on many occasions, by the deep-

fetched sigh, and the silent tear that bedewed the cheek of penitence.'

-Report of the Edgefield Bible Society for 1828.

"The first Annual Report of the Oxford Ladies' Bible Association, England, contains the following interesting anecdote.

"'Twenty-eight ladies volunteered their services to carry into effect the purposes of the Institution in the several districts of the city and its vicinity. These have reported with evident satisfaction, the interesting and encouraging reception they have experienced in their visits to the poor. Many were found wholly destitute of the Scriptures. Many had long desired the valued possession, but had not known how they might acquire it, and were not able to raise, at once, the requisite sum to make the purchase. Others again, who had themselves enjoyed the benefit, rejoiced in the opportunity, thus presented to them, of providing their children with the Holy Scriptures when they were about to go into service, or to be otherwise removed from the eye of their parents.'

"'One female servant, after having supplied herself with a Bible, begged that she might be allowed to subscribe in behalf of her aged father, and then successively for her sister, her brother, and a poor neighbour. Several, after having promised to subscribe themselves, conducted their visiters to some of their friends, whom they knew to have been desirous of procuring the Scriptures; and the answer given by one was, 'If I have no bread, I'll have a Bible.' Some, indeed, were found really too poor to subscribe even a penny per week.'

"'One poor man expressed his wish to subscribe, individually, for his three children as well as himself, remarking that he would rather leave them the blessed Gospel for a legacy than any worldly goods.'

"Another strong instance of the value attached by the poor to this best of treasures may be seen in the following account of another collector. After stating that she found the district allotted to her very deficient in Bibles, and that, though many were insensible to their highest interests, by far the greater part seized with avidity the opportunity thus afforded them—she adds, 'An old woman, with tears in her eyes, ran after us in the street, and requested, as a favour, to be allowed to subscribe, stating that her father, above ninety years of age, was at the point of death, and she had no Bible to read to him. Upon visiting them, the collector says, I found he could not survive long, (and she herself was at an advanced age, and supported her father, and both were in great poverty,) and considering no time was to be lost, I told her I

would give her a Bible. Upon which, bursting into tears, she said 'Oh, ma'am, then let me give a penny for some other poor person; I'll try to save it every week!' Since that time this poor woman has regularly paid a penny every week!'—Seventh Report of the Bath Bible Society.

"'One of the collectors' connected with the Liverpool Ladies' Bible Society, 'being for some time prevented, by indisposition, from regularly visiting her district, inquired, on going through it, from those who had received their Bibles, how they liked them: the general answer was, 'Very well.' On putting the same question to a person who had obtained one by her child subscribing a penny weekly, she said, 'Very much, indeed! I return you many thanks for it: had I known what a blessing the Bible was, I should not have been so long without one.' Her husband, who was previously a careless and abandoned character, had been carefully reading it, and had never since spent an evening from home. She then exclaimed, 'What a mercy that by a child's paying only a penny a week, it should become such a blessing to its father.'

"'Two poor families in Glarus, Switzerland, had received a legacy, of which a Bible formed a part. Neither would resign the right to this invaluable treasure: they therefore came to an agreement to use it alternately for half a year each. This practice was observed for several years; at the expiration of every half year the Bible passed from one family to the other, till, on the establishment of a Bible Society, another copy of the Bible was presented to one of the families, and both were thus happily accommodated.'

"Of the good effect which the very existence of Bible Societies produces on the minds of the lower classes in Saxony, the following anecdote, related by Mr. Fabricus, affords a pleasing illustration.

"A peasant having asked Mr. Fabricus how he could afford to sell Bibles so cheap, the latter replied by giving him an account of the rise and progress of Bible Societies. 'What! have I lived to see this!' exclaimed the peasant: "I thought the whole world was like our village, where no one cares for another unless he can gain something by him: but now I find there are many true Christians, who give their money that we may read the Holy Scriptures.'

[&]quot;From a correspondent in the kingdom of Wurtemburg.

[&]quot; An aged and very poor inhabitant of a Roman Catholic village

near this place, came one day begging into a shop where I happened to be. After a short conversation about his circumstances, I took the old man into a corner, and questioned him respecting the state of his soul. His reply was to this effect: 'Alas! had I always lived as I now do, I might hope to go to heaven. But the sins of my youth, and the wickedness of which I was then guilty, torment me still in my advanced age. I regularly attend mass, go to confession, and partake of the sacrament; but all without effect.' Here he was prevented, by tears, from proceeding. The poor man had never seen a Bible; but when I presented him with a copy he was utterly unable to express his joy and gratitude. A few days afterward a person called on me, and said: 'You have given a book to my poor tenant, and you cannot imagine how delighted he is with it. Every evening he calls mine and some of the neighbours' children into his little room, and reads to them out of it; and such is the eagerness to hear him, that they can scarcely wait till the evening arrives. I wished to purchase it from him; but he will not part with it at any price.'

" A few days ago, conversing with a poor man who formerly had been a village schoolmaster, I asked him if he had a Bible? At this question he blushed, and attempted to evade it by saying that he knew the Bible, and had read it. But when I again asked him whether he did not every day read his Bible, the poor man suddenly turned round, took his handkerchief, wiped his eyes, and exclaimed: 'Ah, dear, sir, that dearth-that dearth in 1816 and 1817.' 'Well, my good, friend, what has that dearth to do with the Bible?' 'Alas, sir! a father of a family -a house full of children, and no bread !-at such a time a couple of guilders are of great value!' 'I do not, however, understand what all this has to do with the Bible.' 'Why, having nothing else to sell, I was compelled to dispose of my Bible to the schoolmaster at Stockburg, who had long wished to purchase it, and in whose possession it still is. I have many times repented of having done so.' The committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society will not be displeased to learn that, through their liberality, we have been enabled to give this poor man a new copy of the Bible; and that he received this treasure with expressions of heartfelt gratitude, and with a promise to offer up fervent prayers for his generous benefactors.'- Fifth Report of the Paris Bible Society.

"To supply Wales with the Scriptures was the object which led to the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The manner in which the first supply of Testaments was received in Wales is thus described by 'an eye-witness.'

"'When the arrival of the cart was announced, which carried the first sacred load, the Welsh peasants went out in crowds to meet it; welcomed it as the Israelites did the ark of old; drew it into the town; and eagerly bore off every copy as rapidly as they could be dispersed. The young people were to be seen consuming the whole night in reading it. Labourers carried it with them to the field, that they might enjoy it during the intervals of their labour, and lose no opportunity of becoming acquainted with its sacred truths.'—Christian Observer for July, 1810.

"The good effects which result from an increased circulation of the Scriptures are strikingly illustrated by the succeeding facts.

"In promoting habits of industry and neatness.

""The advantages resulting from Bible Societies are indisputably great. We say indisputably, because we can appeal to experience, to facts, in support of the assertion. Even in a moral point of view, the position is correct. It has been actually found that, in proportion to the dissemination of the Scriptures, a vicious has given place to a virtuous practice: idleness has been supplanted by industry, intemperance by sobriety, and general improvidence by prudent management. Thus a powerful antidote is formed to pauperism and all its direful train of miseries. The example of industry, sobriety, and prudent management, which is set by parents and masters, it may be reasonably supposed, will be copied, in some measure at least, by their children, and by their servants."—First Report of the Columbia Bible Society.

""A poor child, who had been known and marked as an idle and wicked boy, the corruptor of his companions, and the trouble of his master and friends, was present at one of these meetings, and was induced to become a subscriber for a Bible. From this time an evident change was observed in his conduct: at length he got his Bible; and the effect of his reading it was, that he became an example of industry, and that his whole character was greatly improved. This new course he has for a long time kept, and gained the entire respect of his employer. He lately subscribed for a pocket Testament, and gave as his reason, that he could not carry his Bible about with him, and that he had many leisure minutes in the day in which he could read if he had

a Testament with him. Nor can your committee omit to notice, that in one district of your Society, thirty-six copies of the Sacred Scriptures have been received by hands which had never previously handled, and perused by eyes which had never before beheld the lively oracles of God.'—Monthly Extracts of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

" And let no one imagine that these subscriptions tend to increase the poverty of the lower classes, for it might be satisfactorily proved that they rather excite to habits of industry and economy. But, respecting the necessitous poor of this district, your committee can fearlessly assert, that in numerous instances they have been greatly benefited. Often have their female visiters found the children of the poor loitering at home in a state of deplorable ignorance, and in some cases so destitute of decent attire as to be unable to leave it; these have been directed to the gratuitous schools around, and furnished with those articles of clothing which were necessary for their comfort. Often have they found their poor Bible subscribers sick, and alike destitute of medical assistance and necessary comforts; these they have introduced to the Dispensaries, for the mitigation of their bodily sufferings; while the visiters of benevolent societies have been informed of their circumstances, and have not only contributed to relieve their wants, but have directed them to the Great Physician, the Lord from heaven. Often have they found the wives of humble mechanics anticipating nature's most sorrowful and anxious hour with more than ordinary solicitude, because they have not possessed one little garment in which to wrap the expected babe; and from this state of maternal anxiety have they been rescued by the recommendation of their cases to the patronage and aid of the 'Infant's Friend Society.' Thus, those visits which have been so much condemned, become, by a benevolent prudence, the means of extensive good.'-Ninth Report of the Petonville Bible Association.

"The influence of the Bible, to reform the profane and vicious, is exhibited in the following facts.

"' Many who were at first unwilling to receive the Bible, have afterward been very thankful that it was left with them. One man, who would not pay for his Bible, nor consent that it should be left at his house, came in a few days to the agent and paid for it, saying, 'I am glad it was urged upon me. I find truths in it which I never knew before, and my family spend the Sabbath quite differently since they had this Bible.' Another who was unwilling to receive the Bible, and said

he would burn it if it was left in his house, now says that he reads it with much interest; that he has found there that sinners must repent, or they cannot be saved; that he cannot sleep at night for thinking of what he has read. He had formerly made a mock at religion; ridiculed ministers and their preaching; but says he shall do so no more.'—Report of the Strafford County Bible Society, N. H., 1829.

"'The ladies of a Bible Association, in one of their weekly calls upon the poor, saw a female at the door with an infant in her arms; they asked her if she had a Bible; she answered, No. They then asked her whether she would like to become a subscriber for one: she replied. with tears in her eyes, that she would if it were in her power, but she could not. On leaving her, the husband, an idle worthless man, who had seen the ladies talking with his wife, asked her what they wanted: she told him. He then inquiring what answer she gave them: she repeated that also. On the following Monday, as the ladies were passing her door, they found her waiting for them; and she tendered them sixpence, as the commencement of a subscription for a Bible. The ladies, surprised, yet delighted, asked her how she became enabled to spare so much. She answered very feelingly, 'I hope it will last-I hope it will last.' The next week she was ready with a shilling, and in a very few weeks paid up the requisite sum, and received her Bible. It appeared, from her statement, that almost immediately after their first conversation, the husband attended diligently to his employment; and, instead of spending the greater part of his earnings at the public-house, as he had been accustomed to do, brought his wife home his wages. In a very short time the man became a free subscriber; and such was the in fluence of Bible principles upon his conduct, that his temporal affairs became very prosperous, and he now has a considerable sum deposited in the Savings-Bank.'-Report of the Dublin Bible Society.

"Blackheath, 1819.—'One of the parishes within the sphere of this Society's labours, and where an Association was formed about four years ago, consists chiefly of farmers, labourers, and mechanics. Every Sunday afternoon it has long been customary for the farmers' men" to assemble together in the stables and talk over the occurrences of the week. The intention having been to divert each other, the practice, according to their own account, was to relate childish tales, and often false stories, for this purpose. Some of the men having been supplied with the Scriptures, it has afforded the committee peculiar satisfaction to become spectators of the moral and religious benefit which has since accrued.

Now, every Sunday afternoon, instead of meeting to gamble, engage in unbecoming games, and utter idle or profane language, they meet to hear the Scriptures read to them. One of their own party is often seen reading to the rest, while they earnestly listen to every word. Afterward, too, as soon as they have attended to their unavoidable business, they no longer resort to a public house, but devoutly attend a place of worship.'

"'A poor man who had saved some money in order to spend it at the fair, on hearing of the Bible Association, thought he might devote it to a better purpose, and requested he might have a Testament of the largest type, as he had a mother residing in Lincolnshire whose sight was bad from age. He said he knew she would be delighted with one of the Society's Testaments, and shed many a tear over it, as she had offered up many a prayer for the Bible Society. He then added, 'As soon as I can afford it I mean to subscribe for a Bible myself; as I know a man who had one from your Association, and before he got it he was all for reform: 'but now,' says he, 'Thomas, I have read the Bible, and I hope it has been blessed to me, as I find reform must begin in my own heart!—Dudley's Analysis, pp. 498 and 503.

"In awakening among the ignorant a desire to read.

attended with very salutary effects. Persons who never could read have been stimulated to learn, and there are instances of some far advanced in age who have undertaken to qualify themselves for reading the inspired volume. Some also who, being able to read, had hitherto neglected the Holy Scriptures, have applied for and been furnished with Bibles, and have paid an attention to them which loudly proclaims the utility and glory of such benevolent establishments. Nearly all the Bibles we have received are already disposed of, and the demand is yet great, and increasing. The number of the destitute far, very far, surpasses our highest calculations. Other returns are very satisfactory: and we are not destitute of evidence, that the Spirit of God has designed to communicate his sanctifying influence through our poor endeavours to circulate his word.'—Third Report of the East Tennessee Auxiliary Bible Society.

"The Rev. Joseph Patterson, of Pittsburg, thus writes, December, 1819.

" About six hundred persons, old and young, have been taught in

the Sabbath Schools of this city to read the Scriptures within these two years; to some of these (adults) I have given a large Testament, and to some extraordinary proficients of colour, a large Bible, but have not distributed them as school books, except to two Sabbath Schools in the country who were poor.'

"Reading Ladies', 1817.—' Anxiety to peruse their Bibles has likewise induced some, even in advanced age, to apply themselves so assiduously to improve in reading, as to make a surprising progress in a short period; several instances of this earnestness in children might be mentioned; but the following has been selected from many proofs of serious application in adults. On visiting an aged woman who had received a Bible, she declared it was the best piece of furniture in her house; adding, 'Now that I have a Bible with so good a print, I shall try hard to get on in reading; for though I only knew my letters, last night, after persevering a little, I made out two or three verses; and I mean to continue spending my evenings in the same manner.'

"Worcester, 1813.—'In the town and neighbourhood of Stourbridge, one hundred and ninety-six persons, between the ages of fifteen and forly-five, who, before the institution of a Bible Society in that neighbourhood, were unable to read, have, voluntarily, between the hours of labour, began to learn, in order that they might peruse the Scriptures.'—
To this statement it is added: 'The places of public worship also are more numerously attended; and religious animosities are much softened, if not entirely subdued.'

"The committee of the Russian Bible Society remark:-

"'One of the benefits flowing from our Association, which was originally neither contemplated nor expected, is, that many hundreds of the neighbouring children have learned to read; and that the peasants in twenty-three places in our parish have voluntarily adopted the plan of assembling, every other Sunday evening, such children as can read with propriety, and have a Testament, for the express purpose of reading a few chapters. I have likewise made a similar regulation in the school under my inspection, which I constantly visit, and in which, during the winter in particular, the children are made acquainted with the sacred volume: and it has afforded me the most sensible gratification to witness the unexpected progress which they have made in scriptural knowledge, as well as in singing, writing, and ciphering. A better spirit prevails among the Livonian youth of our parish since we be-

gan to distribute the Holy Scriptures more plentifully; even the fathers of families remain more at home, to hear their children read to them in the best of books while at their work.'—Dudley's Analysis, p. 103.

"At the Sixth Anniversary of the Russian Bible Society, Prince Galitzin remarks:-

"'The reading of the Holy Scriptures is also becoming more general among us, and among our villagers, who, in many places, assemble together on the Sabbath to spend them in reading their Bibles; and in some places even the youth are occupied in the instruction of their parents who have not before been taught to read. The soldiers and sailors are likewise, of their own accord, seeking this spiritual food. They experience that, in their families, the Bible supplies them with lessons for the regulation of their lives, and with an abundant source of daily comfort.'

"The following interesting facts exhibit the beneficial effect of circulating the Scriptures among seamen.

"'I one day observed a man of genteel appearance following me from boat to boat; he came up, and, after some conversation, observed, that he had reason to praise God for Bible Societies, as he presumed God had made use of them for saving his soul; and said, 'I was an ignorant, wicked sailor, who sailed from New York; once, after an arrival, hearing of a Bible Society, for which money was collecting, I, and some of my companions in a kind of a thoughtless frolic, gave two dollars each. I don't recollect ever thinking of it until on a Sabbath, near the Banks of Newfoundland, on a voyage to Europe, I took up a book in the steerage, and on the cover read " New York Bible Society." I felt my heart sink in a kind of involuntary horror; I took it to my birth and read, and saw plainly, and felt deeply, that I was a lost sinner, very near eternal destruction. Every place I turned to confirmed the dreadful tidings. My distress was very great; I prayed and searched the Scriptures, and through infinite mercy, before we reached land, I found the way of salvation, and, I humbly trust, obtained grace to embrace it. This is some years ago. I have quit the sea, and am now on my way, with my family, to the new settlements.'- Letter from Rev. J. Patterson of Pittsburgh.

"From the Fifth Report of the Merchant-Seamens' Bible Society,

[&]quot; 'Last voyage,' said the master, 'I was particularly gratified in hav-

ing it in my power to supply a poor man, an American, who had been many years in the Prussian service, and had been a long time seeking for an English Bible, but in vain. Having by some means or other heard that I had some on board, he came to me and asked if I would provide him with one, but told me that he was without money to pay me its value; but if I would only grant him his desire, he would make it up in work: being convinced of this poor fellow's anxiety to possess the sacred treasure from the best of motives, I gave him a Bible; and I do assure you it would have done any one's heart good to witness his expressions of gratitude.'

"'. The captain of one vessel having left his card at my office at a time when I was absent, I visited her a second time. When he found me on board, 'I am always glad to see you,' he said; and notwithstanding he was anxious to weigh anchor, he mustered the whole of the crew, putting the question to each man, 'Have you a Bible?' and spoke in the presence of all of them, and many strangers, of the privilege of being brought under its heavenly influence. Each man who had not a Bible said he should be glad to have one, and the captain seemed much pleased with the idea that every individual under his command would now possess one; he had so much confidence in the ship's company as to pay them their month's advance before the ship left London; a circumstance, I believe, never known before, as it respects a free trader. I never visited a ship of this description before where I found the crew so uniformly consistent. The custom-house officers, and others, said they had not heard an oath since they had been on board: this was certainly a very extraordinary thing, when the extent of the crew is taken into consideration, forty-four in number; one of whom said, 'Our captain is a Christian, and a father to us all, and were I to leave this ship, I don't know where I should find such another.' A strange gentleman observed, on seeing so many sailors purchase the Scriptures so readily, and on seeing the captain interest himself so much in their spiritual welfare, 'This is a sight I never witnessed before, and I never shall forget it.' Sold twenty Bibles.'-Mo. Extracts of the British and Foreign Bible Society for 1822.

"'The committee have the pleasure to state that, during the fifty-two weeks ending the 18th of May last, Captain Cox had boarded, at Gravesend, about one thousand vessels of various descriptions, both British and foreign; and sold to sailors, at three-fourths the cost price, 574 Bibles and 180 Testaments; and left, without payment, for the use of several

Bibles and 145 Testaments: making the aggregate distribution at Gravesend alone amount to 914 copies of the Scriptures in the course of the year. But the success in the upper part of the river has been still greater. Mr. Percival, the London agent, has visited 4968 vessels; and sold, in the same time, not fewer than 784 Bibles and 1929 Testaments, or 2613 copies of the Scriptures. Besides these, there have been left with captains, on sale to their men when at sea, 25 Bibles and 6 Testaments; and given to Lascars, in the depot at Shadwell, in various languages, 2 Bibles and 12 Testaments.'—Eleventh Report of the Merchant-Seamens' Bible Society, London.

" Extract from Captain Cox's Reports.

" One of the crew being informed that the Bible-boat was alongside, eried out, 'Oh, that is just the thing! I will borrow money to get a Bible; and I will go below and inform my shipmates; some of them, I know, will be glad of the chance. I was cast away in the Phænix when the captain and sixteen men were drowned. I thought of the Bible then; but I had none to read.' 'Why,' said another of the crew, 'you would have had no time, in such a condition, to consult your Bible, even if you had possessed one.' 'No,' replied he, 'I know that very well: but if I had had one, I could have read it before I came into those circumstances. I will have one now, and I will never more be without." He borrowed the money he wanted, and I never witnessed one more anxious to possess a Bible than he was. The captain spoke well of the crew, and was glad to hear that I had sold four Bibles and one Testament. A man of colour, who purchased a Portuguese Testament, said, in broken English, 'You have got no book that I can read, I know;' but he was much surprised, and greatly pleased, on getting a Testament in his own tongue.'

"Extracts from the Addresses of the Hon. De Witt Clinton, Vice-President of the Society, at the Ninth and Eleventh Anniversaries.

"That Christianity has elevated the character of man, and blessed him in his domestic connexions and in his social relations, cannot be denied by the most obdurate scepticism. We must indeed shut our ears against the voice of experience, and our eyes against the light of truth, if we do not yield implicit faith to the exalting and meliorating virtues of our divine religion. We can, perhaps, form a striking estimate of its blessings, by supposing that it had never shed its effulgence upon the

hations. What then would have been the state of the world? In all probability the Gothic darkness which benighted mankind on the breaking up of the Roman empire would have been perpetuated: man would have lost his recuperative energies, and the revolutions of ages would have witnessed his torpid inactivity and hopeless debasement. The star that attracted the wondering curiosity of the wise men of the East, has become a sun of light to the human race;—and, wherever its radiations have reached, it has been the parent of cultivation, of civilization, of knowledge, and of virtue. Christianity being a revelation from God, recorded in certain books denominated the Bible, it must be evident that we can never have a full and satifactory view of its doctrines, unless we are possessed of the writings which promulgate them. In diffusing these sacred volumes, we, of course, perform a solemn duty, and render an all-important benefit to the world.'

"From the speech of the Hon. James Kent, at the Society's Ninth Anniversary.

""The Bible is equally adapted to the wants and infirmities of every human being. It is the vehicle of the most awful truths, and which are at the same time of universal application, and accompanied by the most efficacious sanctions. No other book ever addressed itself so authoritatively, and so pathetically, to the judgment and moral sense of mankind. It contains the most sublime and fearful displays of the attributes of that perfect Being who inhabiteth eternity, and pervades and governs the universe. It brings life and immortality to light, which, until the publication of the Gospel, were hidden from the scrutiny of ages. This gracious revelation of a future state is calculated to solve the mysteries of Providence in the dispensations of this life, to reconcile us to the inequalities of our present condition, and to inspire unconquerable fortitude, and the most animating consolation, when all other consolations fail; in the midst of the abodes of age, disease, and sorrow; and under the pressure of the sharpest pang of human misery.

"The general diffusion of the Bible is the most effectual way to civilize and humanize mankind; to purify and exalt the general system of public morals; to give efficacy to the just precepts of international and municipal law; to enforce the observance of prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude, and to improve all the relations of social and domestic life.

"'It is well known that there exists a system of moral duties which

are considered to be of imperfect obligation, because they are not within the cognizance of human laws. Such, among others, are the duties of charity, benevolence, gratitude, the domestic affections, truth, fidelity, and the love of our neighbour. These are necessarily left, by human lawgivers, in a great degree, to the government of conscience. But the Bible takes notice of all such duties. It most pointedly condemns every species of cruelty, unkindness, uncharitableness, selfishness, and hardness of heart, and it comes in aid of the civil law by the universality and the precision of its commands, and by the energy and the severity of its denunciations.

"'Human laws labour under many other great imperfections. They extend to external actions only. They cannot reach that catalogue of secret crimes which are committed without any witness, save the all-seeing eye of that Being whose presence is every where, and whose laws reach the hidden recesses of vice, and carry their sanctions to the thoughts and intents of the heart. In this view the doctrines of the Bible supply all the deficiencies of human laws, and lend an essential aid to the administration of justice.'

"From the speech of the Rev. Professor Goodrich at the Fourteenth Anniversary.

" There is a charm in the word LIBERTY, which opens every heart to the reception of the principles which she brings along with her. In illustration of this, permit me to mention an incident which once happened to myself-of a humble nature certainly, but for that very reason more striking, as connected with this subject. Not many years since, I was led, in the pursuit of health, to traverse the mountains of Switzerland on foot. This brought me to mingle freely with the peasantry in their simple habitations, which truly seemed dearer to them for the rude magnificence of their mountains, which lift them to the storm. In one of these rambles I met with a plain man, of a mild and serious aspect; and among other things, asked him respecting a small body of persecuted men, called in derision, momiers or mummery makers. The subject seemed painful to him; but after a moment's hesitation, he said that he knew no evil of them, except that they read the Bible, and endeavoured to live more according to its precepts than other men. It was obvious, however reluctant he might be to confess it, that he was one of this number. When I spoke of America as my country, he opened his heart freely, and told me of their trials and sufferings. They were evil

spoken of, he said, by every body; despised by the high, and hated by the low. Their habitations were assaulted; their lives were often in danger; and they were forbidden by the government to meet even in their poor cabins, to read the Bible and to pray over its precious promises. 'And do you obey an order like that?' said I. 'No,' said he, ' we still meet. I am going, once more, to-night, to read and pray with the brethren; but where we shall be on the morrow, God only knows; very probable on the floor of a dungeon.' He seemed anxious to explain their doctrines; and he then put the question-for the sake of which I have given you his story-the question which had all along been labouring in his mind. 'I have heard of America,' said he, 'as a land of liberty and light. Are there any Christians there who understand the Bible as we do?' I told him, 'multitudes'-that our Fathers had been persecuted for the same opinions; and that thousands of happy churches among us were now walking in the light of their faith. I wish, sir, I could place the poor man before you-his eyes filled with tears, his countenance dilated with joy, as he clasped his hands and said, 'I will go and tell the brethren, that Christians in America read the Bible just as we do! Oh! it will give them new strength to suffer!' As we parted, he took my hand with the holy familiarity of a child of God, and said, 'We have heard that Christians in England-and it may be so in America too-meet together on the first Monday in every month, to pray for the prosperity of Zion.' I told him that we did, from one extremity of the land to the other. 'Tell me,' said he, 'tell me, do they ever pray for the poor persecuted of the valleys of Switzerland?'-Monthly Extracts, No. 29, p. 354.

"The influence of the Bible to afford support under bodily suffering, and in prospect of approaching death, is illustrated by the following facts.

"A young man was found in dying circumstances, in a dark back room. The whole external scene was that of poverty, affliction, and wo; but the state of his mind was a foretaste of heaven. All within was calm and happy. His hope was beyond the grave: and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, kept his heart and mind in holy tranquillity and joy. When inquiry was made by what means he had attained to this happy state of mind, it was ascertained that a little girl of ten years of age had been accustomed daily to read to him in a Bible which she had received from this Association. This enabled him patiently to bear his adversity; he believed the word of God: and its

holy influence imparted happiness in misery, riches in poverty, joy in sorrow, and life in death.'—Dudley's Analysis, p. 512.

"Dr. Gregory, of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, at the Fourth Anniversary of the Blackheath Bible Society, England, related the following fact.

" More than twelve months ago I went, pursuant to the request of a poor but benevolent woman in my neighbourhood, to visit an indigent man, greatly afflicted. On entering the cottage I found him alone, his wife having gone to procure him milk from a kind neighbour. I was startled at the sight of a pale emaciated man, a living image of death, fastened upright in his chair by a rude mechanism of cords and belts hanging from the ceiling. He was totally unable to move either hand or foot; having, for more than four years, been entirely deprived of the use of his limbs; yet the whole time suffering extreme anguish from swellings at all his joints. As soon as I had recovered a little from my surprise at seeing so pitiable an object, I asked, 'Are you left alone, my friend, in this deplorable situation?'- 'No, sir,' replied he, in a touchingly feeble tone of mild resignation, (nothing but his lips and his eyes moving while he spake,) ' I am not alone, for God is with me.' On advancing, I soon found the secret of this striking declaration; for his wife had left on his knees, propped with a cushion formed for the purpose, a Bible, lying open at a favourite portion of the Psalms of David. I sat down by him, and conversed with him. On ascertaining that he had but a small weekly allowance certain, I inquired how the remainder of his wants were supplied. 'Why, sir,' said he, ''tis true, as you say, seven shillings a-week would never support us: but when it is gone I rely upon the promise I find in this book. "Bread shall be given him, and his water shall be sure."' I asked him if he ever felt tempted to repine under the pressure of so long-continued and heavy a calamity! ' Not for the last three years,' said he; 'blessed be God for it!'-the eye of faith sparkling, and giving life to his pallid countenance while he made the declaration:- for I have learned in this book in whom to believe; and though I am aware of my weakness and unworthiness, I am persuaded that he will never leave me nor forsake me. And so it is, that often when my lips are closed with locked-jaw, and I cannot speak to the glery of God, he enables me to sing his praise in my heart.'

subsequent visits, (for I am not ashamed to say that often, for my own benefit, have I gone to the cottage of this afflicted man,) I generally

found him with his Bible on his knees, and uniformly witnessed the like resignation flowing from the blessing of God upon the constant perusal of the Holy Scriptures. He died with a hope full of immortality, and is now gone to the "rest that remainsth for the people of God." And gladly would I sink into the obscurity of the same cottage, gladly even would I languish in the same chair, could I but enjoy the same uninterrupted communion with God, be always filled with the same strong consolation, and always behold, with equally vivid perception sparkling before me, the same celestial crown.

"'What, I would ask, what but the heartfelt influence of the truths of religion, what but the most decided faith in the promises of the Gospel, could enable a man to sustain such a continuity of affliction, not merely with tranquillity, but with thankfulness? And what can convince an individual of the utility, nay, the duty, of distributing Bibles among the indigent, who does not become persuaded by such an example as this?"—Dudley's Analysis, pages 512, 513.

"At an early period of its operations the Society made provision for the formation of smaller Societies, embracing in their bounds a limited portion of country, and denominated Auxiliaries, on account of their connexion, and the assistance which they render to the Parent Institution. During its first year eighty-one Societies became Auxiliary: this number has since been increased to six hundred and forty-five. Many of these have connected with them smaller Societies, embracing the limits of a single town or congregation. The importance of these Auxiliaries will be obvious, if it be considered that it is by their exertions chiefly that the American Bible Society becomes acquainted with the necessities of destitute families which are sought out and supplied under their inspection. Thus the wants of districts of country, several thousand miles distant, are brought under the cognizance of the Parent Society; and if to provide for the wants of such districts, donations of the Scriptures are necessary, they are made directly to these Societies, which, from their local situation, and the narrow extent of their limits. may easily investigate the condition of the destitute, and supply them in the most judicious manner.

"Their importance in respect to their work of distributing the Scriptures arises also from the fact that on them the Society chiefly depends for its resources. The small contributions which fall into the treasuries of Auxiliaries, when forwarded to the Parent Society, form an aggregate amount which gives it the ability to make donations to feeble Auxiliaries at home, and to extend its bounty to the destitute of other nations. They are like the numerous rivulets and brooks of a mighty river, extending on every side their fertilizing influence to luxuriate the country through which they pass, and cause the desert to rejoice and blossom like the rose.

"From the great efforts made by Auxiliary Societies to supply the wants of destitute families within their own limits, even in this highly favoured country, a comparative estimate may be made of the extent of labour necessary to be undergone before the Bible will be found in every dwelling in Christendom. Looking abroad on the SIX HUNDRED MILLIONS in Heathen lands who yet must possess the Bible, and at the inadequacy of the means now in operation to give it them, we are ready to exclaim, surely 'the harvest is great and the labourers are few;' and while we would supplicate the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into his harvest, and diligently employ our own labours in his service, we would rest assured that more labourers will be raised up; that light will yet come to those who sit in darkness, and the glory of the Lord be risen upon them.

"It may be remarked, that the period of human life is indeed short; and yet not so short that much may not be accomplished by every one who seriously considers the consequences of his exertions, and is inspired by the high examples which have been presented, to act decidedly and perseveringly in doing good. It will be a matter of painful reflection to many who leave behind them multitudes without the Bible, that had a little more exertion been made, their wants might have been supplied. It must be the lot of those who exert themselves in diffusing the Gospel of the Son of God, not to know on earth the full extent to which their labours have been blessed; but they will experience a delightful satisfaction in the reflection, that with humble faith in Christ, and in obedience to his commands, they have done what they could to send the Gospel to those who have it not; and it will assuredly fill their soul with unmingled joy in its passage from earth to heaven, to be met and borne thither amidst the songs and praise of redeemed spirits, ascending from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

ARTICLES

OF THE

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THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION.

- I. The designation of this Society shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."
- II. The objects of the Association shall be, To encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.
- III. The attention of this Association shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious society of Friends as may not be duly supplied: and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.
- IV. Any person paying the treasurer of this Institution thirty dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.
- V. The officers of this Association shall be, a secretary, a treasurer, a committee of correspondence, and a board of managers.
- VI. The Association shall appoint, annually, twenty-four of its members as managers, to conduct its business. They shall be intrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner and at such prices as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies in the list of officers, or of the committee, as may occur in the recess of

the Association; and the minutes of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association at its annual meetings.

VII. A committee of three persons shall be appointed, annually, to correspond with societies, or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the managers, to whom the correspondence shall be submitted at its stated meetings.

VIII. The treasurer shall receive, and keep in trust all moneys, and title deeds and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it or the board of managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an annual report to them at their meeting in the Fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year, which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the annual meeting of the Association. He shall deposite all moneys received by him on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the banks in the city of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks thereon, the number on which checks shall correspond with the number on the order; and shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

IX. All the officers of the Association shall be, ex officio, members of the board of managers, and nine members shall constitute a quorum.

X. Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of his annual or life subscription in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, under such regulations as the managers may establish.

XI. Such members of the religious society of Friends as may form themselves into Bible associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as auxiliaries, and entitled to the privileges hereinafter provided.

XII. The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary societies, complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the annual meetings of the Bible Association.

XIII. Every person paying to the treasurer of an auxiliary society the sum of thirty dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt of such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

XIV. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the third Second day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

XV. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an annual meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

XVI. Any member of this Association ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

RULES

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT

OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules—to be called "The——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering these important objects in other places.

RULES.

- 1st. Any person paying to the treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.
- 2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.
- 3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.
- 4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be autho-

rized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings.

members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of

At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution; namely—"The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

Sth. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood, the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust, for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that, (here describe the property,) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor for ever; in trust, nevertheless, for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order direct, and appoint."

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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough	, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
New York, No	do.	
Scipio,	do.	do.
Farmington	do.	do.
Yonge Street,	do.	
Philadelphia, l	do.	
Abington,	do.	do.
Bucks,	do.	do.
Concord,	do.	do.
Red Stone,	do.	do.
Burlington, No	do.	
Salem,	do.	do.
Haddonfield,	do.	
Upper Quarter	do.	
New Garden, l	do.	
Deep River,	do.	do.
Southern,	do.	do.
Eastern,	do.	do.
Stillwater, Oh	do.	
Short Creek, de	do.	
Miami, d	0.	do.
Salem, de	0.	do.
Centre, d	0.	do.
New Garden,	do.	
Blue River,	do.	do.
Whitewater,	do.	do.
White Lick,	do.	do.
Westfield,	do.	do.

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CONCLUSION.

THE extracts which we have given from the Brief Analysis of the system of the American Bible Society. show what advantages have resulted from the wide spread of the Inspired Volume, and how highly it is prized by those whose situation has deprived them of ready access to it. In presenting those extracts we wish distinctly to state, that we do not approve of all the terms that are there used to designate the Bible. Much as we value that blessed book, we dare not call it the Word of God, or the Bread of Life, nor yet describe it as the saviour of the soul, because we believe that those exalted titles belong exclusively to our adorable Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the Son and sent of God and Saviour of the world. The Bible has done much for mankind; so much that we can scarcely form an idea how ignorant and benighted we should have been, had it not shed upon us the light and knowledge which are spread over its sacred pages. But when we turn to the dark and miserable condition of those nations who have never had the Scriptures, and contrast it with our own more happy and enlightened lot, our hearts may well burn within us, and send up a grateful tribute of adoration and praise to Him at whose hand we have received the rich blessing. Yet it is well to remember that the reading and studying of the Bible alone is not religion; the Holy Spirit must sanctify our hearts and seal with

his own impress the saving truths which are there recorded, if they are made availing to us. And, without this work in the heart; unless He rules and governs there, and our wills are bowed in reverent submission to his righteous sway, the blessed end and design of all the glorious truths recorded in the Holy Scriptures will be lost to us-for it is only through the faith which is in Christ Jesus that they are able to make wise unto salvation, or to render the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all goods works. When we consider the magnitude of the debt we owe for the enjoyment of so great a treasure; how much the Bible has done to meliorate and Christianize the human race, and how much more it would still accomplish did obedience keep pace with the means of knowledge, we cannot deny the solemn obligation which rests upon us to render our cheerful and ready assistance in carrying this precious Volume to those who are destitute.

We are not aware of the existence of any benevolent institution which presents as strong claims on the sympathies and liberality of Friends as the Bible Association. The objects which it proposes to accomplish are such as must meet the cordial approbation of all those who love our holy religion, and desire to see its benign influences and practical benefits extended throughout the human family. To carry into the solitary habitations of the destitute and needy, the precious and consoling word of written revelation, to unfold to them its pure precepts, its animating promises, its reproofs and warnings, and, above all, the sublime system of religion which is there delineated and the glorious hope which

that religion holds out for the world to come-" a hope full of immortality and eternal life," is surely a work in which every Christian, and more especially every Friend, will cheerfully unite. We feel that we have a right to claim the active and zealous co-operation of Friendsfor our Society, above all others, has been especially concerned from year to year, to enjoin on all its members the frequent and diligent perusal of the Holy Scriptures. But how shall they read, if they have not the Bible? Many there are of our brethren and sisters who are thus circumstanced, not because they do not prize the Sacred Volume, or wish to possess it, but because they have not at their command the means requisite to purchase it. They are deprived of the many advantages which result from the perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and of the aid which that Volume only can impart in the religious education of their beloved offspring. And shall we sit down contented in our happy homes, while our fellow-professors of the Christian name are so destitute, without contributing our portion toward supplying their need? We who live in a land of abundance, where all the means of comfortable subsistence and of moral and intellectual improvement are liberally bestowed upon us-who are nursed in the lap of ease and affluence, and whose every want is no sooner felt than satisfied, can hardly appreciate the privations which those endure. But the blessings of a bountiful Creator will have been lavished on us to little good purpose, if they do not raise our hearts in grateful acknowledgment to Him who gave them, and warm them with Christian benevolence to our less favoured brethren of the human

family-a practical benevolence, that will incite us to bestow on the needy and the destitute a portion of those treasures which our common Father has entrusted to our care, to be used with a single eye to his glory and for the general good. It is with a confidence which the magnitude and importance of the cause inspires, that we make this appeal-and we trust it will not be made in vain. Let those who read these pages, ask themselves what they have contributed toward this noble undertaking-what sacrifices have they made, or of what superfluities have they denied themselves, to aid in furnishing Bibles to their distant and destitute brethren. A small part of the money lavished in articles not necessary to comfort or convenience, would form an ample fund for the purposes of the Bible Association-and we cannot but believe that the consciousness of having bestowed it for so worthy a purpose, would be a source of pleasing retrospection at a future day. It is not enough to know that much has already been done, and that our own families and neighbourhoods are well supplied with Bibles. A wide and untrodden field lies before us. demanding much both of labour and of money to satisfy its thirsty soil-and that mind has known little of the benign and expanding influences of heavenly charity, whose sympathies centre in itself, or are narrowed up within the little circle by which it is surrounded. So long as there is a family of Friends, or an individual member capable of reading, destitute of the Bible; so long there is an imperative call on us to assist in sending the Scriptures to that family, or to that one person. We would respectfully suggest to auxiliary associations, ...

whose limits embrace wealthy districts of country, whether there is not yet much for them to do in promoting the reading and study of the Sacred Volume in their neighbourhoods, to inspire and cherish a love for it, and to encourage their fellow-members not to rest satisfied until each of their children and household is furnished with a legible copy of the Bible. And even if these ends shall have been accomplished, a strong incentive to vigorous exertion may still be found in the fact, that from distant sections of our country there are demands for Bibles for the destitute and needy, which the Parent Association has not the funds to supply; and that already it has incurred a debt of more than four thousand dollars, to meet the pressing wants of some districts more needy than the rest. The Association has no capital-no permanent funds to draw upon, nor any coffers to resort to, but the bounty of Friends, and we trust that in this resort they will not be disappointed, but meet with a liberality and alacrity commensurate with the magnitude of the purpose, and the high and Christian motives which dictate the call.

CIRCULAR.

The corresponding members of the Bible Association take the liberty again to call the attention of Friends, and especially of the members of the Auxiliary Societies, to the objects for which the association was established—objects, which they believe have not diminished in value or importance, and for the attainment of which, the past labours of the society show that much yet remains to be done. At the period when the idea of forming such an institution was first suggested, many who were favourable to the more general circulation of the holy Scriptures, could not believe that the actual wants of the Society of Friends required such an effort to supply them. It seemed to be taken for granted that every Friend must of course be possessed of a Bible, and the apprehensions of those who were disposed to believe the contrary, were deemed chimerical. Notwithstanding this, there was a painful conviction on the minds of some Friends, that among our own members, and especially in remote sections of the country, a deficiency in the supply of those precious records existed, that was altogether unknown to many of their brethren more favourably situated; and to which it would be difficult to induce them to give full credit. The exertions of the auxiliaries have happily tended to make us better acquainted with the real situation of our members, and have proved that the fears which were entertained are not without foundation. It is a circumstance which must be peculiarly gratifying to every friend of the Bible, that the proposal for organizing the association, after some explanation of its design and the necessity which demanded it, received the cordial concurrence of Friends in nearly every part of the country, and was entered into with a zeal and activity which were as unexpected as they were pleasing. In the short space of two years, twenty-eight auxiliary associations have been formed, and prompt measures adopted by many of them to ascertain and supply the deficiencies within their respective limits. The inquiries thus set on foot elicited facts of a surprising character, and soon convinced even the most incredulous that there was indeed great occasion within our own borders, for the labour of this or some other similar institution. In order to give the investigation a definite and regular form, the corresponding members issued a circular in Twelfth month, 1830, addressing to auxiliaries and the friends of the institution generally, a series of questions calculated to unfold the state of their respective districts. We regret that from some of the auxiliaries no answers have yet been received-but those which have come to band develope a state of things that must, we apprehend, arouse the energies, and secure the prompt aid of every real Friend, in supplying the now known deficiencies.

The following extracts from the annual reports will give some idea of the facts to which we allude, viz.

"Answers to this circular have been received from various parts of the continent, which exhibit a deficiency in the supply of the Scriptures that must be painful to every feeling mind.

"One letter states, that within the limits of the Association there were 247 families; of which 25 arc without the Old Testament, and 20 are destitute both of the Old and the New; there are 10 sehools within its limits, and 250 scholars in attendance, most of whom are unprovided with the Scriptures. The letter further states, that a more general concern of late prevails to have them supplied.

In a letter from the secretary of another association, the number of families is stated to be 350; of which 18 are destitute of the

Scriptures. It is also stated, that there is a great deficiency of Bibles in their schools.

Another letter states, that in the limits of the auxiliary there are 88 families destitute of complete copies, and that their schools are not well supplied.

The report from another auxiliary states, that its limits embrace 300 families, of which 78 are without complete copies of the Scrip-

tures, and it is added that a great deficiency exists in the proper supply of Testaments in the schools.

Another letter states, that there are wanting within the district where the auxiliary is formed, 100 large Bibles, 50 small Bibles, and

'In another district from which information has been received, 30 families are entirely destitute of the sacred volume.

' In another containing 180 families, there are reported to be 20 families which are without a copy of the Bible; and 40 have the New and not the Old Testament; and six schools, attended by 150 children, of whom 50 have neither Bibles nor Testaments.

A letter from another auxiliary says, We have endcavoured to answer those queries alluded to in as explicit and concise a manner as circumstances would admit.

" 1st. About 50 families destitute of the Scriptures.

" 2d. None have the Old and not the New Testament; about 30 have the New and not the Old.

" 3d. About 250 children are at school within our limits; of whom 175 can read, and 50 are not supplied with the Old or New Tes-

"4th. 125 Bibles and as many Testaments can be sold. There are about 400 families within the limits of this association."

'It thus appears, that within the limits of seven auxiliary associations from which reports have been received, there are about 400 families unprovided with complete copics of the Old and New Testament; and that there is a very great deficiency in the supply of the schools. We have reason to believe also, that the Bible with which many Friends are supplied, is an inferior school Bible, printed on poor paper, and in small type. The reports also state, that 138 families are destitute of the New Testament. In stating these facts, we by no means design to east censure upon our brethren. Yet we should not do justice to the cause in which we have engaged, if we did not make them the foundation of an appeal to the Christian sympathies of our Friends.

We are glad to find, that the desire to obtain our edition of the holy Scriptures, is very great in many parts of the country; that it is probable large numbers will be sold; and the existing deficiency thus in degree removed. After all who can afford to purchase are supplied, there will still remain many who are destitute of the book, and unable, of themselves, to procure it. These will naturally look to the Bible Association for a gratuitous supply, and it must be the wish of all our members that they may not be disappointed.

'By only two of the auxiliaries have distinct answers been forwarded to the queries upon this interesting subject, in the course of the past year. Of these one states that 4 families and 38 adults are destitute of the Old and New Testaments, and that of 190 children of Friends attending school, "few are duly supplied with the Holy Scriptnres." The other mentions that out of 180 families and parts of families within its limits, 38 are destitute of full copies of the Bible, and 23 of the New Testament. Another auxiliary acknowledges the receipt of the Bibles and Testaments forwarded by the agent, and adds, that many more Bibles could be distributed, but that

they have not the money to pay for them. On comparing the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed to the auxiliaries, with the deficiencies stated to exist within the limits of the few who had been heard from at the date of the last report, the members of the Association will not fail to notice the very inadequate supply which has been furnished. It is a fact which the managers feel to be a distressing one, but which they believe it to be their duty to press upon the notice of their fellow members, that a large number of families belonging to the society of Friends in various parts of our favoured country, are to this day deprived of easy access to the Holy Scriptures. It is undeniably true that many children of Friends are thus brought up in very great ignorance of those sacred records are thus brought up in very great ignorance of those sacred records —and it is a melancholy consequence of this state of things, that the evil which it is now in our power to remedy, will, if neglected, soon be no longer under our control. To apply that remedy is not now within the means of the managers. The funds at their on the returns from the auxiliaries, and on voluntary subscriptions. It is to the members of auxiliary associations, who, surrounded by outward blessings, can sympathize with those whose limited circumstances preclude even the purchase of a Bible, that we must look for the means to supply our suffering brether with this greatest external source of consolution and instruction. The manager must look for the means to supply our suffering brethren with this greatest external source of consolation and instruction. The managers are aware that this is an appeal to the liberality of Friends of an unusual character. But the investigations consequent upon the establishment of this institution have resulted in the discovery of deficiencies as unexpected as they are deplorable, and it is believed that even now Friends are far from being sufficiently apprized of the necessity which exists for prompt and united exertions to remedy this great and increasing evil. Deeply impressed with the importance of furnishing a supply of Bibles to those districts in which the greatest deficiencies are known to exist, the managers are unwilling to leave this part of the subject without suggesting that those

auxiliary associations within whose limits Friends are generally in more easy circumstances, be requested to take immediate measures for raising a fund to be applied under the direction of the board to the gratuitous distribution of Bibles and Testaments.

Report 1832.

The correspondence of the Committee since the receipt of these accounts, fully confirms the belief that great deficiencies exist in parts which yet remain to be heard from, and that persevering and efficient efforts must be pursued, and a spirit of liberality still cherished, in order that even each family in membership with our religious Society may be put in possession of a perfect and easily legible copy

of the Holy Bible.

But our labours would be very imperfect if they closed here. We rejoice to perceive that the invaluable contents of that best of all books, are gaining increasing attention among the younger members of our Society; that the sacred Scriptures are more diligently studied and more highly prized by them-and we trust it is not presumption to believe that this happy effect is, in part at least, attributable to the divine blessing on the labours of the Bible Association. When we consider that many families consist of six, eight, or ten persons capable of reading, each of wbom has a deep and solemn interest at stake in the great truths recorded in that Book, it is surely our duty to aim at furnishing every member of such families with a copy of it—and short of this, there can, we apprehend, be no adequate supply. To meet this demand many thousands of Bibles must yet be printed and circulated by the Association; and it confidently appeals to the kindness and christian liberality of Friends for the funds necessary to enable it to accomplish this very desirable object.

Nor do the views of the Association stop here. In the feeling of that christian benevolence which embraces the whole human family, and as it "has opportunity, delights to do good unto all men, though especially to them who are of the household of faith," it expressly avows in its constitution, that while "its attention shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the religious Society of Friends as may not be duly supplied," yet that as its funds may permit it will distribute it to other persons also. It will be seen therefore that, whether we confine our views, for the present, to the pale of our own Society, or extend them beyond its limits, to professors with us, or attenders of our meetings, or to our fellow citizens indiscriminately, who may be destitute of the sacred Scrip-

tures, an ample and untrodden field of labour yet remains to be traversed.

Impressed with these interesting views of the subject, and deeply sensible that the promotion of true religion is intimately connected with the spread of the Bible and with its daily and devout perusal, the Corresponding Committee again earnestly and affectionately invite the diligent co-operation of the several auxiliary societies in promoting the objects of the parent institution; and particularly in endeavouring to furnish every family of Friends on this continent, with a copy of the Association's Bible, for each member of it

who is capable of reading.

We are aware that much has already been effected by many of the auxiliaries; but much still remains to be done. To those who view the subject correctly, it will not appear sufficient that they have contributed the sum requisite to constitute them members of the association, or that Friends within the limits of their own auxiliary are amply supplied with the Holy Scriptures. So long as there are others of their brethren, however remote their situation, who cannot procure for themselves a copy of the Bible, and whose auxiliary has not funds adequate to meet the demands upon it—they will feel bound to render their aid towards supplying the needy and destitute. The numerous pecuniary demands on Friends, which the peculiar situation of Society within the last five years bas occasioned, have been met with a promptitude and liberality that are highly creditable. Instead, however, of dwelling too much on what we have already given, let us rather look at our ability to contribute more. Are we now any less able to yield a portion of our wealth for charitable or society purposes, than we were when those demands first commenced? Has our liberality at all lessened our income? or on the other hand, has it not been attended with an increase more than adequate to meet the calls which are made on us? Such considerations, we apprehend, would remove difficulties, and open the way for a continuance of the same liberality which has thus far marked thecourse of Society since the separation.

The restricted state of the funds of the parent institution, and the load of debt with which it is encumbered, prevent it from distributing any Bibles gratuitously. At the fixed price, and with the return which it makes to the subscribers and auxiliaries (when demanded), it is scarcely able to sustain the necessary expenditures; hence it cannot offer aid to those auxiliaries whose members are destitute of an adequate supply, and whose funds are so limited as to be unable to purchase. To remedy this evil it must look

to the liberality of Friends generally, and to the auxiliaries which are formed in more wealthy sections of country.

Where auxiliaries have more funds than are necessary to supply the actual deficiencies within their limits, they would do well to place them at the disposal of the parent institution, to be applied towards the aid of those associations whose wants greatly exceed their pecuniary means.

The corresponding members would also respectfully recommend that the annexed queries should claim the attention of every aux-

iliary at least once a year, and that full and explicit answers be forwarded to the undersigned annually in the 2d month.

As the operations of the parent association depend almost entirely on the auxiliaries, and as those parts of the country whore these are not formed must be in great measure deprived of the advantages resulting from the institution, we would again invite Friends in such places to organize themselves into auxiliaries, and report to the managers through this Committee, that they may be regularly recognised as branches. Great and unexpected as has been the success attendant on the undertaking, it is still desirable that no part of the country should be excluded, and we trust the day is not far distant when the number of auxiliaries will at least equal that of the quar-JOHN PAUL, terly meetings in America. ISAAC COLLINS,

Philadelphia, 6mo. 1st, 1832.

THOMAS EVANS.

Queries addressed to Auxiliaries. 1st. What number of families, or of individuals who have not families, if any, are entirely destitute of the holy Scriptures?

2d. What number of families, or of individuals who have not families, are in possession of the Old Testament, without the New, or have the New and not the Old Testament?

3d. Are there any schools within the limits of your district, which are not duly supplied with the holy Scriptures? If there are, state how many-about what number of scholars attend them, and how many of these are without Bibles or Testaments.

4th. About what number of Bibles may probably be sold within the limits of your district, exclusive of those subscribed for by the Association, and those distributed to the indigent?

6th. What number of families of Friends reside within the limits of your auxiliary association?

7th. Where and to whose care shall the Bibles allotted to your Association be sent, and by what conveyance?

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS.

(CIRCULAR.)

As the period is not far distant, at which it is expected that the edition of the Holy Scriptures publishing by the Bible Association of Friends in America will be ready for delivery, the Corresponding Committee again respectfully solicit from the Auxiliary Associations and other Friends who feel an interest in the concern, such information respecting the state of their respective neighbourhoods, as will enable the managers to distribute the first edition, so as most fully to meet the wants of those sections of the country where the greatest deficiency exists. With this view, they suggest the following queries, which are to be understood as applying to the Society of Friends only, and request distinct and explicit replies as early as practicable, viz.

- 1st. What number of families, or individuals who have not families, if any, are entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures?
- 2d. What number of families, or individuals who have not families, are in possession of the old Testament without the New, or have the New and not the Old Testament?
- 3d. Are there any schools in the limits of your district, which are not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures? If there are, state how many—about what number of scholars attend them, and how many of these are without Bibles or Testaments.
- 4th. About what number of Bibles may probably be sold within the limits of your district, exclusive of those subscribed for by the Association, and those distributed to the indigent?
- 5th. What number of members belong to your Auxiliary Association, and what is the whole amount of money subscribed and remitted to the parent institution?
- 6th. What number of families of Friends reside within the limits of your Auxiliary Association?
- 7th. Where, and to whose care, shall the Bibles and Testaments allotted to your Association be sent, and by what conveyance?

The information intended to be elicited by the foregoing queries, will be necessary to enable the managers to make a proper distribution of the Bibles and Testaments to the Auxiliary Associations; it is therefore earnestly desired that the officers of such Associations may promptly engage in the requisite enquiry, and transmit the result by an early conveyance to either of the undersigned, it being very desirable to have the answers in Philadelphia by the first of the second month next.

The returns which have been obtained from some sections of the country, warrant the conclusion that the demand for the Bible will greatly exceed not only the number printed, but also the funds at the disposal of the parent Association. The managers, however, have agreed to put a second edition immediately to press, relying on the liberality of Friends for the funds necessary to meet the expense. The subscriptions and donations received by the Association have been entirely absorbed in paying for the stereotype plates and printing the first edition, which leaves it without the means of sending Bibles gratuitously to those parts of the country in which they are greatly needed, and where the money cannot be obtained to purchase them. The Corresponding Committee would therefore earnestly press upon Friends who live in wealthy neighbourhoods, where Bibles are easily procured, to form auxiliary societies, and endeavour to exite a liberal disposition in contributing to their funds, in order that the surplus, after supplying the deficiency, if any, in their own districts, may be appropriated towards enabling the managers to satisfy the wants of those auxiliaries, where the deficiency of Bibles is very great, and the funds raised necessarily small and totally inadequate to pay for them.

Enquiries are frequently made whether there will be any difference in the price of the Bible to those who are members of the parent or auxiliary associations, and those who are not:—although this subject has not been finally acted upon by the managers, yet the committee feel authorised to say, that such airangements will be made as shall place all the members on the most favourable footing, in relation to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments.

John Paul, No. 162, North Fifth street. Isaac Collins, No. 129, Filbert street. Thomas Evans, N. E. corner of Third and Spruce streets, Corresponding Committee.

UBSCRIPTIONS TO

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

best apology for the call that is now made; and serve to ahow that further exertions and a continuance of the liberality which we have hitherto experienced are necessary in order to perpetuate an association, which, under the Divine blessing, has been productive of essential benefits to our religious society.

More than one half of the subscriptions and contributions which have been reported at various times since the formation of our Association, has been repaid to the auxiliaries and to individuals who furnished it, in Bibles and Testaments; so that the sum which can be considered aa really given to the Society, and which it is not liable to be called upon to return in Bibles, is only \$6372 71. This sum forma our whole capital or stock in trade, of which \$5215 15 has been absorbed by the cost of the stereotype plates,-leaving only \$1157 56 available capital for carrying on our operations.

The amount invested in Bibles and Testaments on hand is \$5448 15, that in paper is \$1100 30; and there is due from auxiliaries and other quarters \$1642 271, making together upwards of eight thousand dollars, and exceeding be whole of our present capital by more than seven thou-

lars. To meet this, the Managers have been to have recourse to loans, (the interest on which considerable item in our expenses,) and to carry on their business under the pressure of a debt, from which no economy or management, consistent with the advantageous conducting of the concern, can possibly free them. From their unwillingness to increase this debt, they have confined their business within limits much less extensive than would be desirable or profitable; and the standing debt of the Auxiliaries is one that must, in the course of things, be accumulating. If, therefore, the affairs of the Association are placed on a liberal or permafriends-because, from the anxious desire which has been felt to promote the circulation of our Bibles, they have been put at a price so low, as scarcely to cover the cost of publication.

An eligible situation for the Depository has always that one was offered in so central a part of the city whole heritage.

THE following statements, it is believed, will be the as that which they now occupy. Through the liberality st apology for the call that is now made; and serve of one of their number, the lot was purchased for \$12,806 06, and the extensive and commodious buildings erected at an expense of \$10,093 94, making a total of 22,900 dollars. The title to the property remains in that individual, who has leased it to us, at a moderate interest on the cost, with the privilege of redeeming it, and securing the title to the Association, by refunding him the amount he has expended. To meet this important and desirable object, we propose to raise subscriptions among our friends. If the building were our own, unincumbered with any debt, the net income of the rents, added to our other resources, would enable the Managers to conduct the business of the Association with ease and economy; and would moreover yield a permanent fund for supplying many of our destitute brethren and sisters with the Bible, by whom our edition would be esteemed a treasure of great value.

> There needs no appeal to your feelings, friends, on this interesting subject. We are all of us, it is to be hoped, too deeply impressed with a sense of the value of the Holy Scriptures to mankind-and too well informed, by experience, of the instruction and consolation to be derived from their diligent study, to be indifferent or lukewarm when it is proposed to aid in their circulation-more especially when that circulation is to be among our fellow professors of the Christian name—the members of our

own society.

Does it not seem to you a sorrowful fact, that our own highly favoured society, in this land of dew and fatness, is imperfectly provided with this inestimable volume? that hundreds of its members have not the means of obtaining it? Painful as the fact is, it cannot be concealed or denied. Let us place ourselves then, for a moment, in the condition of those who are deprived the comfort, the nent footing, its available capital must be greatly increased, instruction—the encouragement to piety, the animating and to effect this, we must appeal to the liberality of our hopes and promises, which we now derive from the perusal of the inspired volume, and reflect that by the denial of a small portion of our self indulgences, a denial which would in itself be wholesome and invigorating to our spiritual health,-we may effectively aid in this work of Christian love, and by placing the Bible Association on a been deemed an object of great importance; and the firm and prosperous basis, establish a fountain of benevo-Managers considered it as a favourable circumstance, lence, the streams from which shall water and fertilize our

Note.—It is proposed to raise the sum of 30,000 dollars, payable in five annual instalments.

With a view of furnishing the Bible Association of Friends in America with a larger capital for conducting its business, and enabling it to redeem the buildings now in its tenure, situate No. 50 north Fourth street, the subscribers hereby severally agree for themselves, their heirs, executórs, or administrators, to pay to Henry Cope, the Treasurer of the said Association, or his successor in office for the time being, the sums affixed to their respective names, at the periods apecified.

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Reports from the following auxiliaries were received and read, viz. Vassalborough, Maine; New York, Farmington, Cornwall, Duanesburg, New York; Ferrisburg, Vermont; Burlington, Salem and Haddonfield, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Abington, Burks, Concord, and Red Stone, Pennsylvania; New Garden, and Easton, North Carolina; Centre, Stillwater, Salem, Miami, and Alum Creek, Ohio; Blue River, White, Water, New Garden, Westfield, and White Lick, Indiana.

Delegates from several of the abovementioned Auxiliaries were present.

The following Report from the Board of Managers, was read—their proceedings during the past year were highly satisfactory to the Association, and their encouragement and perseverance desired.

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REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America:

The return of the stated period, for the annual meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America, calls upon the Board of Managers to submit a report of their proceedings during the past year, and of the present situation of this interesting concern.

The edition of 2000 Bibles with References, which was in press at the time of the last annual meeting, has been completed, beside which 1000 copies of the School Bible have been printed, and an edition of 2000 Testaments is now in press. The whole number printed by the Managers is 8250 Reference Bibles, 2000 School Bibles, and 8000 Testaments, including those now in progress. The stock on hand consists of 1033 School Bibles, of which 336 are bound, and the remainder in sheets, 565 Reference Bibles bound, and 3119 in sheets, and 685 Testaments.

During the year, 89 School Bibles, 831 Reference Bibles, and 1661 Testaments have been disposed of, as follows: to an Auxiliary within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting, 20 Bibles and 48 Testaments; New York Yearly Meeting, 147 Bibles and 280 Testaments; Philadelphia, 165 Bibles and 181 Testaments; North Carolina, 60 Bibles and 60 Testaments; Ohio, 60 Bibles and 188 Testaments; and 25 Bibles and 385 Testaments within Indiana Yearly Meeting; making a total of 477 Bibles and 1142 Testaments to Auxiliaries.

There has been received from auxiliary associations in the same period, the sum of \$1204 231, of which \$60 is from New England, \$266 69 from within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, \$452 87 from Philadelphia, \$69 50 from North Carolina, \$157 87 from Ohio, and \$197 30 from Indiana; making a total of \$7235 10 derived from this source, since the establishment of the Bible Association. By the twelfth article of our constitution the auxiliaries are entitled to a return of the full amount of their payments, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments at the lowest prices. The object of this regulation is to encourage the formation of such associations, and to promote the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. Most of those already formed have availed themselves of this privilege, and consequently the funds of the parent association have received but little accession from the amount paid in by the auxiliaries.

From an examination of the accounts of our treasurer, it appears that he has received during the year ending Fourth month third, in donations and contri-

butions \$4859 31, from annual subscribers \$249 91, from friends in England, to pay for Bibles and Testaments sent to auxiliaries \$1557 45, for Bibles and Testaments sold to contributors and other persons \$1068 97½, and from auxiliary associations \$1204 23½, making a total of \$10583 58. His payments in the same time amount to \$9163 70, viz: for monies borrowed on interest \$2115, to the fund for purchasing the depository \$3928 80, for agent's salary, stationary, printing, binding, paper, and incidental expenses \$3119 90, leaving a balance in his hands of \$1419 88.

The fund for the purchase of the buildings at the corner of Fourth street and Appletree alley, amounted at the time of the last report to \$1858 96, since which it has been increased by the surplus of rents, interest, and the payment of twenty cents per copy on Bibles issued from the depository \$865 82, and by money received for subscriptions \$3500, making its present total \$6224 78, of which \$6100 is placed at interest on good security, and \$124 78 is in cash.

William Salter having ceased to serve the association as its agent, the managers have appointed George W. Taylor, of Burlington N. J. to succeed him in that station, and he accordingly entered on his duties the first instant.

The subject of forming a biblical library for the use of the association, to contain ancient editions of the Holy Scriptures, copies of those printed in various languages by the British and foreign Bible Society, and other similar institutions, and by booksellers; also an-

cient and modern works illustrating biblical literature, has for some time engaged the attention of the managers. A book case has been provided and placed at the depository for the reception of such works, and a number have already been presented by the friends of the institution. The managers hope that further donations will be made for this interesting object.

In directing their attention to some mode by which the more extensive circulation of our Bibles might be promoted, and a greater interest awakened in the concerns of the Association, the managers have believed that the services of one or more suitably qualified friends, who should act as travelling agents, visit the different sections of our country, explain and enforce the objects which we have in view, encourage the establishment of auxiliaries, and endeavour to search out and supply deficiencies, would be highly beneficial. Although the expense of such an undertaking and some other causes have hitherto deterred them from making the attempt, yet they are still of the judgment that if the requisite funds, and properly qualified persons for the purpose, could be obtained, important benefits might result from the measure.

Exertions have also been made by the managers to increase the sales of our Bibles and Testaments by placing them in the hands of some of the principal booksellers in the large cities; but the great number of inferior and cheap editions thrown into the market, renders the demand very limited.

Since their last report the managers have received

official notice of the formation of three auxiliary associations, viz: Cornwall and Duanesburg in the state of New York, and Alum Creek in Ohio. The whole number is now thirty-two, viz: one in New England Yearly Meeting, seven in New York, seven in Philadelphia, one in Virginia, four in North Carolina, six in Ohio, and six in Indiana. From twenty-six of these, reports have come to hand; and the facts which are unfolded in some of them, show that persevering exertions are still requisite to accomplish the purposes for which the Bible Association was formed.

With a view to encourage the formation of auxiliaries, and to supply them at once with the means of gratuitous distribution, the managers have agreed to present each new association, with ten copies of the Reference Bible.

The important position which these associations occupy in the organization of the society, renders it peculiarly desirable that their number should be increased, and that greater energy and activity should be infused into their operations. They constitute the executive department of the institution; and if they fail in the performance of their duties, the whole of our operations must necessarily languish. The parent association does not profess to seek out those who are destitute of the Holy Scriptures, nor to supply their wants. Its province is to prepare and furnish Bibles and Testaments to auxiliaries at the lowest price for

which they can be afforded, and it belongs to these to perform the interesting and christian duty of handing them to persons who, from indigence or other causes, are not duly supplied. It will be seen therefore, that with whatever zeal or industry the managers may discharge the duties which devolve on them, the great objects for which we associated can never be attained while apathy and indifference paralyze the exertions of the auxiliaries. We would affectionately, but most earnestly press this view of the subject on the attention of Friends, because we fear that unless a lively and fervent concern for the the distribution and perusal of the Sacred volume is more generally diffused and cherished among our members, the benefits which the association is calculated to impart must be lost to a large portion of our religious society.

In comparing the proceedings of the present with the past year, the managers observe with great regret that the amount received from the auxiliaries, as well as the number of Bibles distributed, is considerably diminished. If this diminution arose from the fact that there were not objects requiring our aid, we should rather rejoice at it: but we cannot avoid the fear that it is indicative of a declension in the interest which has hitherto been felt in this work of christian charity. We entreat those who may feel that this is their case, to consider seriously what are the causes which have led to such a result. Is your love for the brethren, and for the cause of Truth waxing cold? Or

has the love of the world and the eager pursuit of its concerns so engrossed your attention, as to leave you little time or inclination to devote yourselves to higher and nobler objects? From whatever cause an indifference to this subject may arise, it certainly argues a state of mind unfavourable to individual advancement in the path of christian duty, and inimical to the prosperity of our religious society.

The reports received from the auxiliary associations furnish ample evidence that there is still a great deficiency of Bibles among Friends, and that in many places the ability to procure them is also wanting.

One auxiliary states that "four families and 23 individuals are entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures—that 3 individuals have the New, but not the Old Testament, and that of 189 children attending Friends' schools, 99 are entirely without the Holy Scriptures, and 39 in possession of the New Testament only."

Another report says, "Five families of Friends within our limits are entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures; 3 have the New Testament and not the Old, and many others have but inferior copies; 21 adult members of our society do not own a copy of the Bible, 10 have the New Testament only, and 8 scholars are without Bibles or Testaments."

Another remarks, "10 families destitute of a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and others very poorly sup-

plied. It further states, there are within its limits 1600 members of all ages; and that the number of Bibles, "such as they are, now owned by Friends," is estimated by them at five hundred copies.

By another we are informed that altho' they are not aware of any family of Friends which does not possess one copy of the Bible, yet in many instances, large families have only one, and that a small one—and that not more than half the families have a large family Bible—and that 300 members capable of reading are entirely destitute.

In another report it is stated that Friends' families have generally been supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, but some are furnished only with a small school Bible, and that there are 300 individuals within the limits of the Auxiliary capable of reading, who have not a copy.

From another we learn that "although the families have generally been supplied with a Bible, yet the greater part of the branches of such families, capable of reading the Holy Scriptures, do not own a copy thereof."

From another report we extract the following: "Three families appear to be destitute of the Old and New Testament. There are yet many families within our limits who are furnished only with a small Bible, though the number has considerably diminished during the last three years; and as ability is afforded it is believed it will still continue to diminish. We trust

that a desire to read the Bible, and to become more intimately acquainted with its invaluable contents, is becoming more apparent, and notwithstanding there is yet too great remissness with many in these respects, yet upon the whole there has been an improvement, and we hope will continue to be, affording satisfaction and encouragement to those engaged in the labour."

This report further states that although not prepared to give the whole number of members capable of reading, who are destitute of the Bible, yet they are informed of 60 adults and 55 children in this situation.

By another auxiliary it is stated, that 27 families and 150 individuals are not supplied with the Holy Scriptures.

Another auxiliary says, "There are 17 families entirely destitute, and many of those who are supplied have only small and indistinct copies, and there is a great number of members who can read that are not furnished with the Old or New Testament."

Another informs that the number of school children who are without Bibles or Testaments is 100 or more.

The report of another auxiliary informs that, "although there are no families of Friends destitute of a copy of the Bible, yet they are far short of being supplied according to the society's views—our means for supplying are so inadequate to the wants of Friends, that we have not as yet ascertained the number of members within our limits capable of reading that are

not supplied with the Holy Scriptures, but it must be very considerable."

Another observes that they are not informed of the number of Friends capable of reading, who are destitute of the Holy Scriptures, "but without doubt it would be large, several hundreds."

In answer to a query contained in a circular issued by the corresponding committee, nearly all these associations state that the funds at their command are not adequate to the supply of Friends within their respective limits. It is proper to remark that several of them are situated in populous neighbourhoods, where Friends have been settled for many years, and auxiliaries have been in operation for a considerable time, and many Bibles distributed. They embrace, moreover, but a small portion of the society on this continent, and of course exhibit only a partial view of the deficiencies which exist within our borders. Some of the reports are acknowledged to be imperfect, owing in part to the remote situation of the members from each other, and the fair conclusion is, that if similar returns could be obtained from places where no auxiliaries have vet been formed, a still greater deficiency would be exhibited to our view.

Partial, however, as they are, they disclose a painful and humiliating state of things. Within the limits of nine auxiliary associations, it appears that there are 72 families, and more than 1667 adult members and 301 children, capable of reading, not furnished with a

copy of the Holy Scriptures, beside a very large number of families who have only one copy of a small and indistinct school Bible. From the peculiar location of several of the auxiliaries which have not forwarded any reports this year, it is more than probable that their wants are still greater, and when we consider the rapid increase of settlers in the western states, the number of new families which, every year, branch off from the older ones, and the youth who are growing up to years of religious understanding, we shall perceive that although much has been done toward removing the painful state of things which existed when the association was first established, yet much more still remains to be accomplished. We have engaged, as we think from motives of religious duty and christian love, in an undertaking embracing a wide range of objects, involving the most important consequences to our fellow members, requiring a heavy expenditure of money, and long, untiring perseverance, for the attainment of its great and good ends.

And is it a time to relax in our efforts; to grow languid and careless in the concern, when we have but just begun to perceive the extent of the evil which we design and hope to remedy? Shall we suffer the comforts which wealth pours around our path, our domestic case and enjoyment, the abundant facilities for religious and moral improvement which attend our favoured lot, or the ardent pursuit of our worldly concerns, to engross our attention, and lull us into indif-

ference respecting the wants and privations which press upon our distant brethren? For what purpose are the gifts of a bountiful Creator bestowed upon us, but to be used for his glory, and in promoting the happiness and improvement of our fellow men? And to what more worthy or important object can we devote a portion of them, than that which now so imperiously demands our aid? Shall we permit hundreds of the rising generation, to whom we must look for the future support of the doctrines and testimonies and institutions of our religious society, to grow up to manhood, without a copy of the Sacred records; deprived of those advantages which flow from the daily private perusal of their precious pages, and in a great degree strangers to the consolations and aids which, under the enlightening influences of the Holy Spirit, they afford the sincere Christian in his pilgrimage through time?

Let us pause, before we answer these important questions, and ponder the responsibility of our standing—let us reflect on the declaration of our blessed Lord, "Where much is given, much is required"—on the justice and benevolence of that Being who has made our condition to differ from that of our brethren, and on the solemn reckoning which must one day be made, for the stewardship of our time, our talents, and the temporal possessions entrusted to our care.

If we suffer these considerations to have their due weight, they cannot fail to produce a powerful influence on our conduct—to awaken the strongest sympathies of our nature, and impress us with a deep sense of the obligations which rest upon us. The finest strains of eloquence, the most cogent arguments would be lost upon that man, who can rise from the perusal of facts such as have been drawn from the reports, and not feel himself impelled by motives of philanthropy, and of religious duty, to exert himself in so noble a cause—a cause which affects, not the physical wants, but the moral well-being of our brethren and sisters, united to us by the endearing ties of a common faith, and a worship offered on the same spiritual altars.

In a society founded on the principle of fraternal association, and for purposes of mutual edification and comfort, whose members are bound by the strongest obligations to cherish those feelings of sympathy and love which the spirit of the Gospel inspires, and to promote each other's welfare, both temporal and spiritual,-the bare knowledge of such a state of things as we have depicted, is all that can be necessary to arouse them to vigorous exertion. The mind that appreciates as it ought the nature of the sacred volume—that reads with delight and profit the important truths which are spread over its pages, and draws from it those lessons of practical benevolence with which it is fraught, cannot sit down at ease, while conscious that hundreds of its fellow men, members of the same family and household of faith, are deprived of this choicest outward blessing. It will pursue the subject with a zeal that will not grow cool, and with

an industry that does not weary, until the Bible shall have been placed in the hands of every destitute member of our favoured community.

When the object for which our aid is solicited is not within our immediate view, and the wants complained of are not to be found in the circle of our acquaintance, we are in danger of adopting the idea that the case is not so urgent as is represented, and of yielding our aid with a reluctant and sparing hand. But the very fact that neither we nor our neighbours feel the privation, that easy access is granted us to that of which others are deprived, ought to warm our hearts with gratitude to the author of all our blessings, and prompt us, with cheerfulness and alacrity, to lend our assistance in satisfying the wants of those less favourably circumstanced.

We fear that some, after having co-operated with the association so far as to obtain a supply for the few destitute persons situated immediately around them, have relinquished their interest and their efforts in the undertaking, when this object was attained, regardless of the wants of more distant members. The mind must be little acquainted with the nature of christian charity, whose motives to benevolent exertion centre in itself, or are restricted within the narrow precincts of its own vicinity. That heavenly principle elevates and expands the human heart—teaches it to view every man as a brother, and every clime as our country; that wherever there exists a moral or physical

want which it can supply, or a pang which it can mitigate, thither we should send our cheerful aids, and while it thus diffuses comfort and happiness to all who come within its benign influence, and lessens the sum of want and suffering, it pours a rich return into the bosom of its possessor, in the peace and joy which it breathes there.

We feel it to be indispensably necessary to the success of the association and to the distribution of the Bible among the members of society, that a more lively and fervent zeal should be awakened, and that the auxiliaries should feel the magnitude and importance of the concern in which we are engaged. On them and their efforts, its success or failure must mainly depend, and on them will also devolve the responsibility of the issue. It is not merely the gift of a small portion of earthly treasure that we ask-money will be of little use in the cause, if there are not persons willing to search out the destitute, and carry the Bible to their dwellings. We solicit the sacrifice of a portion of your time, and the exercise of that influence which every man, in a greater or less degree, possesses over those around him. Endeavour to awaken among your neighbours and friends, a religious concern on this interesting subject; set before them the destitute situation of many of our brethren; let it be the frequent theme of your meditation and converse, and enforce these wholesome admonitions by the prevailing influence of example. Do not hesitate to join an auxiliary association, because an attention to its duties will occasionally call you away from business-the satisfaction resulting from endeavouring to discharge a christian

duty, will amply repay the sacrifice. We would entreat those who have already become members of auxiliaries, not to grow weary in well-doing, or yield to discouragement, because few may be willing to take part in the labour,—rather let this incite you to greater diligence, if happily your example and precept may be the means of dispelling the indifference and neglect which they evince.

We are encouraged in the belief that the Divine blessing has rested on the labours of the association, and that as we persevere in an humble and earnest endeavour to fulfil the duty of brotherly kindness and charity, our labour of love will not be lost. Already have the benefits which flow from the concern begun to manifest themselves, in a growing desire to become familiar with the doctrines, and precepts, and history of the Sacred volume, and to walk in conformity with the self-denying life which it prescribes. The Holy Scriptures have been aptly styled "the charter of our religion"-to them we appeal for the rectitude of the principles we profess, and whatever elaborate treatises may be written to explain them, their authority must ultimately rest on the fact that they are recorded there. Under the illumination and guidance of that Holy Spirit from whence they proceeded, and which is the sure interpreter of their inspired pages, we may confidently hope that they will be the blessed means of imbuing the minds of the rising generation with a love of religion and an increasing attachment to the Society of Friends. When we consider how intimately our own highest interests, the welfare of our posterity, and the

diffusion of christian principles in the world, are connected with the preservation and prosperity of the society, no labour is too arduous, no sacrifice too costly to make in its behalf.

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Managers.

ABRAHAM L. PENNOCK,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 16, 1834.

DR.	HENRY COPE,	Trea	rurer	to t	he Bible J	Association
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4 mo. 5	To balance on hand, .				. 1	\$1403 50
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7 mo. 6	White Lick, .			٠	10 00	
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	Centre,				32 871	
	Yonge Street, .				8 00	
	Ferrisburg, Cornwall,				89 10 25 84	
	Abington				2 00	
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o mo.	Blue River, Indiana,				20 00	
	White Water, Ohio,				57 50	
3	Farmington, Haddonfield, Short Creek, Ohio, Concord,				72 50	
9 mo. 5	Haddonfield, .				13 50	
	Short Creek, Ohio,				45 00	
	Concord,				20 00	
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Philadelphia, 4th mo. 3d, 1834.

HENRY COPE, Treasurer.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the treasurer's account, have done so, and find the same correct as stated; there being a balance in his hands due the association of fourteen hundred and nineteen 88-100 dollars.

4 mo. 3, 1834.

BARTHOLOMEW WISTAR, Committee.

The most interesting parts of the reports from the auxiliary associations having been incorporated into the general annual report, it is not thought necessary to insert them here, with the exception of that from the Philadelphia auxiliary. The subject to which it chiefly refers, that of female branch associations, having been brought before the meeting this year, it was with great unanimity agreed to recommend to the auxiliaries the formation of female branches within their limits. The plan, upon which the one in Philadelphia is organized, calls for the separate action of the female branch, which has its own quarterly meetings and distinct officers; the two associations meet together in the second month, at which time the proceedings of the two branches for the preceding year, are read, and the annual summary prepared for the parent association. Circumstances may require some modification of this arrangement in other places, and the advice of the parent board of managers will be cheerfully given in all cases in which it may be asked. The great object which the association has in view, and which it can never lose sight of till accomplished, is the supply of every member of our society, who is able to read, with a copy of a good edition of the sacred volume. In the attainment of this, we consider the aid of our women friends as indispensable; and we earnestly exhort our auxiliary associations to organize branches on as effective a plan, and with as little delay, as may be practicable.

Extracts from the Report of the Philadelphia Auxiliary.

At an annual meeting of the Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends in Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, held 2d month 3d, 1834.

Reports of the proceedings of the two branches of this association during the past year, were received and read; and the follwing summary report, condensed therefrom, was adopted, and directed to be forwarded to the next annual meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America; and Robert Smith, Blakey Sharpless, Charles Evans, and John Carter, were appointed to attend the said meeting as our delegates.

REPORT.

TO THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

The Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends of Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting, report:—

That agreeably to the conclusion of our auxiliary, stated in the last annual report, it has been organized into a male and a female branch; and in conformity to this arrangement, the branches appointed each its respective corresponding committee, which soon after entered upon, and have continued their attention to the duties assigned them. This conformation, we trust, will be found particularly advantageous in ascertaining and supplying the wants of the destitute members of our own quarterly meeting, and for which service, we think, our female branch has evinced peculiar qualifications.

From the report of the male branch, it appears, that since our last report they have distributed to

members of our society residing in this city, 5 Bibles with references, 2 without, and 2 half-bound Testaments; 1 Bible with references, 1 without, and 2 half-bound Testaments to members within the compass of our quarter, residing in the country. Attention has been given by them to ascertain the state of apprentices coming to reside amongst us, in respect to a proper supply of the Scriptures.

The case of a few families of Friends in very restricted circumstances, who, a short time previous to our last annual report, emigrated in a body from North Carolina to Ohio, having been recommended to our attention at the time, 3 Bibles with references, 3 without, and 12 half-bound Testaments, were transmitted to them, when a suitable opportunity offered last spring. It appearing that the funds of the Auxiliary were more than sufficient for its own wants, the state of our brethren in situations less favourable than ours for obtaining a supply of the Holy Scriptures, was brought to our remembrance. Believing that a proper opening existed in some parts of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, for the gratuitous distribution of them through the parent board, and, with its approbation, 55 Bibles with references, and 110 halfbound Testaments were placed at its disposal for that purpose, in the 11th month last.

By the report of our female branch, it appears that they have distributed to Friends in this city, 12 Bibles; to schools in the city, 7 Bibles and 2 Testaments; to Friends, members of Muncy Monthly Meeting, 4 Bibles; to schools within the limits of Muncy Monthly Meeting, 2 Bibles, and 24 Testaments;—the whole amount of the distribution being 25 Bibles, 17 of which had references; and 26 Testaments, of which 24 were half-bound, and 2 whole bound.

The entire gratuitous distribution of the Auxiliary during the year has been, 82 Bibles with references, 15 without, 2 bound Testaments, and 150 half-bound.

Thirteen reference Bibles, and one Bible without references, and one full-bound Testament, have been taken by members on account of their subscriptions; leaving an amount on hand of 57 Bibles with references, 45 without; 22 bound Testaments, and 125 half-bound.

Making the whole amount of the gratuitous distribution of this Auxiliary since its formation, 133 reference Bibles, 3ö do. without references; 2 bound Testatments, and 220 half-bound do.

The sentiment and suggestion contained in the following extract from the report of our female branch, being cordially adopted by this association, is respectfully commended to your consideration:—

"We shall rejoice when our brethren are prepared to carry into effect the benevolent object of extending the distribution of the Holy Scriptures beyond the limits of our religious society, particularly to those who profess but are not in religious membership with Friends. And in regard to co-operating with the parent Bible Association in furthering its important objects in other places, we would suggest to our brethren, whether that design might not in some measure be advanced by encouraging our sisters of the different quarterly meetings where

auxiliaries have been formed, to throw in their mite in promoting this good work of circulating the Holy Scriptures, by taking an active and personal share therein."

In conclusion we would remark, that the cause in which we are engaged being confessedly of vital importance to the welfare of our religious society and the happiness of mankind, each of our members should deeply feel, and seriously weigh, as a steward accountable for the means entrusted to his care, what is due from him towards promoting the spread of the blessed volume;—a volume given by divine inspiration, containing records of the most instructive character, promises most precious and consolatory, and which, in short, to adopt the language of the great apostle to the Gentiles, "is able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf of the Association,

WM. HODGSON, JR.

Secretary pro tem.

Officers of the Bible Association of Friends in America.

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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

1.	Vassalborough,	Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
2.	New York, Ne	w York,	do.
3.	Scipio,	do.	do.
4.	Farmington,	do.	do.
5.	Cornwall,	do.	do.
6.	Duanesburg,	do.	do.
7.	Yonge Street,	Upper Canada,	do.
8.	Philadelphia, I	Pennsylvania,	do.
9.	Abington,	do.	do.
10.	Bucks,	do.	do.
11.	Concord,	do.	do.
12.	Red Stone,	do.	do.
1 3.	Burlington, No	ew Jersey,	do.
14.	Salem,	do.	do.
15.	Haddonfield,	do.	do.
16.	Upper Quarter	ly Meeting, Va.	do.

17. New Garden, 1	N. C. Auxiliary	Bible Association.
18 Deep River,	do.	do.
19 Southern,	do.	do.
20 Eastern,	do.	do.
21 Stillwater,	Ohio,	do.
22 Short Creek,	do.	do.
23 Miami,	do.	do.
24 Salem,	do.	do.
25 Alum Creek	do.	do.
28 Centre,	do.	do.
27 New-Garden, I	ndiana,	do.
28 Blue River,	do.	do.
29 White Water,	do.	do.
30 White Lick,	do.	do.
31 Westfield,	do.	do.
32 Ferrisburg, Ver	mont,	do.

BULBS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal

of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the treasurer, dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bib'e Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.

4th The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorised to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings which with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months on the day of At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary

of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make a report thereof to the Association or the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

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PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

			,
, 11-0-1	To sub- scribers	To others.	Whole-sale.
No. 1. Common Bible, containing the Old and New Testament, without references and concor-			1
dance, bound in plain sheep,		\$2 50	\$2 25
2. Same Bible, bound in plain calf,	2 371	3 00	2 75
4. Fine Bible, containing the Old and New			
Testament, with marginal readings and re-			
ferences, Brown's concordance, a copious			
index, and family record, bound in sheep,	2 25	3 00	2 50
Do. do. 2 vols.	2 75	1	3 00
	2 75	1	3 00
5. Same Bible, bound in calf,)	1	
Do. do. do. 2. vols.	3 25	4 00	3 50
Do. do. do. 3. do.	3 75	4 50	4 00
New Testament, in plain sheep,	50	60	50
Do, half bound	313	371	311

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Request of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

" I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their

heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 north Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to the corresponding members, or to George W. Taylor, Agent.

SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA,

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON THE

Brening of the twentieth of Fourth month,

1835.

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20th of 4th month 1835.

'The following officers for the ensuing year were appointed, viz:

Secretary—Danl. B. Smith.

Treasurer—Henry Cope.

Corresponding Members—Jno. Paul, Thos. Evans, Isaac Collins.

Managers—Thos. Stewardson, Samuel Bettle, T. Paxson, T. P. Cope, O. Alsop, Jasper Cope, A. L. Pennock. J. Snowdon, T. Kimber, Thos. Bacon, Thos. Wood, Jno. Richardson, Geo. Stewardson, Benjn. H. Warder, Chas. Yarnall, Jno. G. Hoskins, Barth. Wistar, Geo. Williams, Isaac Davis, L. Nicholson, Abm. Hilyard, Saml. B. Morris, Blakey Sharpless, Geo. R. Smith.

Reports from the following auxiliaries were received, viz. Vassalborough, Maine; New York, Farmington, Cornwall, Scipio, and Purchase, N. Y.; Ferrisburg, Vt.; Yonge St. U. C.; Burlington, Salem, and Haddonfield, N. J.; Philadelphia, Concord, Bucks, and Redstone, Pa.; New Garden, Eastern and Southern, N. Carolina; Salem, Stillwater, Alum Creek, and Miami, Ohio; New Garden, White Lick, White Water, Blue River, and Westfield, Indiana.

Delegates from several of the above mentioned Auxiliaries were present., including John Negus, from Salem, Ohio, and Eli Haines, from Redstone, Pa.

The following Report from the Board of Managers, was read—their proceedings during the past year were satisfactory to the Association, and their encouragement and perseverance desired, and they were authorized to publish such information relative to the Association as they may deem proper.

Taken from the Minutes.

DANL. B. SMITH, Sec'ry.

REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America.

The Managers, about to surrender the trust committed to them, submit the following summary of the transactions of the past year. Within that period 948 Bibles and 1338 Testaments have been issued from the Depository—including 328 Bibles and 369 Testaments forwarded for gratuitous distribution. There now remain on hand in sheets, 658 School, and 2297 Reference Bibles, and 706 Testaments—and bound, 302 School, and 515 Reference Bibles, and 1065 Testaments.

Our receipts from Auxiliaries have been as follow:—From the Auxiliary Association within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, \$483 16; Philadelphia \$376 87; N. Carolina \$156 20; Ohio \$45; and Indiana \$156 54; making a sum total of \$1167 77. From annual and life subscribers, and donations, the sum of \$1495 06 cents has accrued, while the sales of Bibles and Testaments have amounted to \$982 43. The payments during the year have been for paper, printing, binding, rent, salary of Agent, and incidental expenses, \$2557 63, and towards the fund for the purchase of the Depository, \$2004 80. At the date of our last report the fund for the purchase of the building occupied by

the Association amounted to \$6224 78—it has since been increased to the sum of \$8681 76, nearly all of which is securely invested and bearing interest.

Our Biblical Library has during the past year been enriched by the very liberal donation from "The British and Foreign Bible Society" of copies of the Bibles or Testaments issued by it in 39 different languages, as well as by a number of copies of the Holy Scriptures from other sources.

Numerous complaints having reached the Managers, that the Bible without references, designed for the use of Schools has been found too unwieldy for that purpose, and the want of a good edition of the Scriptures in a portable form printed with a distinctly legible type having long been felt, the Board has concluded to procure a set of plates of a size adapted to supply this want: they have selected for this purpose, a very beautiful Oxford copy in the hope that its greater convenience, as well as the reduced price, will promote the more general use of the Bible in our Seminaries, while the neatness of the execution will render it acceptable to friends for their private reading. The plates are expected to be completed during the ensuing autumn, and an edition will shortly after be issued.

The Board has been advised of the formation of but one Auxiliary Association during the year. It has, however, learned with much satisfaction that the aid of women friends has in many places been enlisted either by forming female branches of the Auxiliary Associations or by meeting jointly with the men. In whatever way it may be thought most adviseable to effect this object, the managers are satisfied that much good has already been done by this co-operation. The influence

which females exert in society, and the opportunities of private inquiry which they possess, render their assistance highly desirable: and it is not doubted, that when the usefulness of their labour is understood, there will be little difficulty in calling into active exertion a much larger number of that sex which has contributed so much to promote the best interests of the community. The attention of the Managers having been drawn to the destitute condition of many of our fellow members in relation to the supply of the Sacred Volume, it was concluded that the sum of money which had been contributed by six Auxiliary Associations, to wit. Bucks, Pa.; Salem, N. J.; New York, Farmington, N. Y.; Concord, Pa.; and Haddonfield, N. J. in aid of the general purposes of the association should be appropriated to the supply of Bibles for gratuitous distribution through the agency of those auxiliaries within whose limits the greatest deficiencies appeared to exist. 212 Bibles and 350 Testaments were accordingly forwarded in the 10th month last: principally to Associations distantly located, and under circumstances presenting strong claims upon the sympathy of their friends. These books having been detained on the way owing to accidental and other causes, sufficient time has not elapsed since they reached their destination to enable all the auxiliaries to whom they were sent to apprise the Managers of their distribution. Their receipt has, however, been gratefully acknowledged by several, and their proper distribution confided to committees appointed for the purpose. One of these associations to whom 20 Bibles and 40 Testaments were sent, reports that they were immediately distributed, and that there are still several families who are destitute. It appears

from the reports of most of our auxiliary associations that the zeal which prompted their early inquiries into the wants of friends within their respective limits has too much declined, yet the evidence is sufficiently clear that very few neighbourhoods possess a sufficient supply of the Scriptures, and that in many places a large number of Friends are still destitute of entire copies: and many more, of those, which are easily legible. When it is considered how rapidly the number of Friends in the Western part of the Continent is increasing, how many emigrate from other states under circumstances which render necessary the strictest economy, and how numerous are the cases of young persons commencing life with little to depend upon but the produce of their daily labour, it will not appear extraordinary if, notwithstanding the supply of Bibles which has been furnished, the present actual want should be as great as at the first. The information in the possession of the Managers is not, for the reason which has been adverted to, sufficient to determine whether this be actually the case; but there is affecting evidence that the proportion of the number of copies to that of individuals who can read, is in many places exceedingly small-A number of the distant auxiliaries state that they do not possess the means to supply the deficiency known to exist. Others again report that their means are so small that they have been discouraged from inquiry into the wants of Friends within their limits. One states, that there are 270 members of our society residing within the limits of three monthly meetings, who can read, and do not possess a copy: and that there are three other monthly meetings within their boundaries, in which the deficiency is probably as

great: they add, "We believe a considerable number of the members of our society do not feel themselves in circumstances to advance the money for a Reference Bible without denying themselves some of the necessaries of life;" yet, they also inform us, that there is an increasing demand for Bibles. Another auxiliary states, that "there are some families of Friends within our limits not supplied with the Holy Scriptures, but the number is not known. One monthly meeting includes 114 individuals out of 196 members capable of reading, who do not possess a copy." Another auxiliary acknowledging with gratitude the donation of Bibles, states that there are 820 families of Friends within its limits; that their funds have hitherto admitted of the gratuitous distribution of very few Bibles; that there are still some families destitute; and, they estimate the number of readers who have no copy at 1640. The Managers might swell this paper with further extracts from the reports communicating the same affecting details, but they deem it unnecessary. Enough has been said to excite the sympathies of those who place a just estimate upon the Holy Scriptures-enough to stimulate us to renewed exertions to supply a want, which if permitted to continue, must so injuriously affect the well-being of a large portion of our fellow-professors.

The expenses attendant upon the proposed edition of the New School Bible, will require a considerable addition to our funds, and as all the reports concur in representing the schools in most neighbourhoods as especially deficient in copies of the Scriptures, it is highly desirable that the Board of Managers should have it in their power to supply that deficiency in places where Friends are not able to advance the money. In order to provide the amount required for these purposes, we affectionately invite the Auxiliary Associations to raise contributions to be placed at the disposal of the Board about to be appointed.

On reviewing the proceedings of this Association, the Managers, while they are deeply affected with the consideration of how much remains to be done, have vet reason to rejoice, that they have been permitted to effect so much. Upwards of 10,000 copies of the Bible, and 8000 Testaments have been printed; a large proportion of which, have been distributed. The excellence of these editions, the valuable selection of marginal references, and the low price at which they have been sold have, it is believed, much increased the facilities for the study of the Scriptures, and been the means of calling the attention of Friends to the importance of this study, when pursued under right direction. Nor do the Managers deem it a consideration of no importance that reprints of our Reference Bible have been made in several instances; thus contributing to the dissemination of sound Scriptural knowledge throughout our country. The formation of 33 Auxiliary Associations, located in almost all parts of the Continent where Friends are found, whose object it is, not only to disseminate the Scriptures, but to promote the diligent perusal of them; the appeals which have in various forms, been made by the parent Association, and the exertions of our corresponding members to excite Friends everywhere, to a just sense of the importance of this work, have not failed to foster that high regard, for the sacred writings which has always been a characteristic of our religious Society.

While therefore, we are aware of the discourage-

ments under which many of our Auxiliary Associations labour, in consequence of the difficulty of bringing together Friends who are widely separated, the little which it seems to be within their ability to accomplish, the disheartening effect produced by the evidence of existing difficulties, which it is not in their power to remove-we would animate them to renewed efforts by the consideration of what has been done-we earnestly call upon those Associations within whose limits, deficiencies exist, to examine again and again the situation of their respective neighbourhoods, and make their wants known-we entreat those who believe their own deficiencies supplied to provide the means of furnishing the Scriptures to the destitute in other places. call upon our Friends every where to unite with us in promoting a work to which we are incited by Christian charity and a sense of Christian responsibility.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

THOMAS KIMBER, Clerk.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 11th, 1835.

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	salance on hand, - Received of the following at			•				51419	03
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	Farmington, -					132			
	Duanesburg, -					27			
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2 mo. 14	Salem, N. J.					20	50		
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	Life subscription,							30	
	Annual subscriptions,		•		-			201	
	Sales Bibles and Testan	nents	4	-				982	431
								\$5183	40

By sundry orders paid as follows: Charles Peters, binder,	1178	78		
Wm. M. Collins, for paper,	367			
John G. Hoskins, towards sinking fund from sales	301	23		
of Bibles,	204	80		
Ditto for Rent,	200	00		
Wm. Salter, salary as Agent,	65	00		
Geo. W. Taylor, do. do	300	00		
Wm. Brown, printer,	207	60		
John G. Hoskins, towards sinking fund for pay-				
ment of the building for the Depository, -	1800	00		
Sundry incidental expenses,	239	00		
		_	\$4562	43
Leaving on hand, 4th mo. 2d, 1835,			\$620	97

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 2d, 1135.

HENRY COPE, Treasurer.

The undersigned, a Committee of the Managers of the Bible Association of Friends in America, have examined the account of Henry Cope, Treasurer, and find them correct, and that there is a balance in his hands, due the Association, of six hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-seven cents.

THOMAS KIMBER. CHARLES YARNALL.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 3d, 1835.

Officers of Auxiliaries for 1835.

VASSALBOROUGH, MAINE.

Secretary—Stephen Jones, Jr.

Treasurer—Caleb Nichols.

Committee of Correspondence—Paul Taber, Daniel Taber, Ephraim Jones.

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Secretary-Wm. F. Miller.

Treasurer—Benjn. Whitall.

Committee of Correspondence—Clayton Wistar, Wm. F. Miller, Benjn. Whitall, James Saunders, John E. Sheppard.

Committee to solicit subscriptions and have the care of the distribution of Bibles and Testaments—Samuel Webster, Benjn Cloud, Clayton Wistar, Caspar Wistar, John Reeve, George Bacon.

HADDONFIELD, N. J.

Secretary-Nathaniel N. Stokes.

Treasurer-Ezra Evans.

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Secretary-John Carter.

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Treasurer—Moses Palmer.
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Treasurer—Mahlon Kirkbride.

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Secretary-Josiah Nicholson.

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Secretary-Daniel Strattan.

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Committee of Correspondence—Joseph Garretson, Benjamin Hoyle.

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Committee of Correspondence—Thos. Fraizer, Davis Pegg, Jonathan Johnson.

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Treasurer-Benjn. Fulghum.

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Secretary-Wm. Hobbs.

Treasurer-Enoch Thompson.

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Treasurer-Joel G. Hutchin.

Committee of Correspondence—Hugh Maxwell, Newton Stubbs, Mordecai Moore, Wm. Talbert, John Hixon.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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1.	Vassalborough	, Maine, Auxilia	ary Bible .	Association.			
	New York, N		do.				
3.	Scipio,	do.	do.				
4.	Farmington,	do.	do.				
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	Duanesburg,		do.				
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	Philadelphia,	•	do.				
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	Miami,	do.	do.				
	Salem,	do.	do.				
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RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

AXUILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

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COMMON BIBLE	1No. 1,	1 l vol.	Sheep,	1 75	2 00
FINE BIBLE	No. 4,	l vol.	do	2 00	2 25
Do	do	2 vols.	do	2 50	2 75
Do	do	3 vols.	do	3 00	3 25
Do	No. 5,	l vol.	Calf,	2 50	2 75
Do	do	2 vols.	do	3 50	3 75
Do	do	3 vols.	do	4 25	4 50
Do			Folded	1 50	1 75
SUPERFINE BIBLE,	No. 8.	2 vols.	Calf.	7 00	7 00
Do	do	3 vols.	do	8 00	8 00
Do	do	2 vols.	Muslin	5 00	5 00
New Testament,		1 vol.	HILbd.	311	37
Do		1 vol.	Sheep.	50	60

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SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

- OF

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

BEAD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON THE

EVENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1836.

PHILADELPHIA:
WILLIAM BROWN PRINTER.

1836.

Reports from the following auxiliaries were received, viz: Vassalborough, Maine; New York, Cornwall, and Purchase, N. Y.; Ferrisburg, Vt.; Burlington, Salem, and Haddonfield, N. J.; Philadelphia, Concord, Bucks, Pa.; New Garden, North Carolina; Salem, Stillwater, Alum Creek, and Miami, Ohio; New Garden, White Water, Blue River, White Lick, Westfield, Springfield, and Western, Indiana.

Delegates from several of the above mentioned Auxiliaries were present.

The report of the proceedings of the managers for the past year was read, exhibiting an interesting and satisfactory statement of the progress of this important concern, and they are encouraged to persevere in their useful labours.

Taken from the Minutes.

DANL. B. SMITH, Sec'ry.

REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America.

The Managers Report, That during the past year they have disposed of 1,425 Bibles and 1,836 Testaments as follows, viz. To Auxiliaries on their own account, 592 Bibles and 751 Testaments; to Auxiliaries and Agents for sale on account of the Association, 362 Bibles and 311 Testaments; to Auxiliaries and Agents for gratuitous distribution, 155 Bibles and 250 Testaments; to subscribers, booksellers and others, 316 Bibles and 524 Testaments.

An edition of 2,000 copies of the Testament which at the date of our last report was in press, has since been published. The plates of the new School Bible, the execution of which has been unavoidably delayed, are now nearly completed, and an edition of 1,000 copies of the Old Testament and 2,000 copies of the New has been commenced, which will leave 1,000 of the New Testament to be bound separately.

The stock of Bibles and Testaments on hand at the Depository on the first instant was as follows, viz. In sheets 658 School Bibles, 1,207 Reference Bibles, and 1,202 Testaments; and bound, 88 School Bibles, 379 Reference Bibles, and 433 Testaments; making a total of 2,332 Bibles and 1,640 Testaments on hand.

We have received Cash on account from					
the Auxiliary within the limits of New Eng-					
	early Meeti		_	8 79	30
From	Auxiliaries	within the limit	s of the		
Yea	rly Meeting	of New York,	-	401	95
46	11	of Philadelphia	,	225	50
24	44	of North Caroli	na,	71	50
64		of Ohio,		40	00
66	44	of Indiana,		227	62
					_
Total	from Auxilia	ries on account,	- :	\$1,045	87
From	sales of Bible	es and Testamer	nts, Cash	339	18
From	annual and l	ife subscribers, o	lonations		
from	Auxiliaries	s and individua	ls, from		
book	sellers and	others on accor	unt, and		
from	other sourc	es,	-	2,415	36
					_
Makin	g the total re	eccipts within the	e year,	\$3,800	11
Within the same period the payments have					
been for paper, printing, binding, rent, in-					
sura	nce, salary o	of Agent and in	ncidental		
expe	nses, -		- 8	2,447	07
Appropriated to the Fund for the purchase					
of th	e Depository	',		1,177	00
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Total disbursements within the year, \$3,624 07

The Fund appropriated to the purchase of the buildings occupied by the Association, amounted on the 1st of the 3d month to \$10,531 76, nearly all of which is securely invested and bearing interest.

Considerable additions of rare and ancient editions of the Bible, and other valuable books, continue to be made to our Biblical Library, which has already grown to be an object of interest to visiters at the Depository.

Three new Auxiliary Associations have been formed and recognized by the Board, to wit: Saratoga, New York, Springfield and Western, Indiana. Reports from twenty-three Auxiliary Associations have been received, and while they present encouraging evidence that our Institution has greatly promoted its two primary objects, the diffusion of good editions of the Bible and a more just appreciation of its value, they yet afford sorrowful proof that much remains to be done in relation to both. It is to be regretted that most of these reports do not furnish definite replies to the Queries addressed to the Auxiliaries by the Corresponding Committee. Such indeed is the want of method and precision in the answers, that it is exceedingly difficult to arrange the valuable information which is thus communicated. On careful examination, however, it appears-

1st. That so far as has been ascertained, there are not many families of Friends within the limits of these Associations, which are entirely destitute of the Scriptures, but a considerable number who have not a complete copy; and within the bounds of two only, there are estimated to be 545 families, averaging 5 individuals each, members of our Society, who have not more than one copy in each family, and that, in many instances of a very inferior description.

2d. That within the bounds of six Auxiliaries, which have forwarded distinct replies to the Query on this subject, there are still found to be 4,253 individuals capable of reading, who do not possess a copy of the Bible.

3d. Seven Auxiliary Associations state that their incomes are by no means adequate to the supply of wants known to exist; and others, who do not mention the fact, give reason to believe that they are similarly situated.

4th. It is gratifying to the Managers to state that the Bibles and Testaments, which through the kindness of a few Auxiliary Associations they were enabled to forward to our distant brethren, appear in every instance to have been gratefully received, and it is believed usefully distributed.

Upon a comparison of the transactions of the past with those of former years, it will be found that there has been a continued declension in the business of the Association. It was perhaps to be expected that when the most obvious wants of Friends had been supplied, there would be a diminished annual demand. But if we look at the statement of existing deficiencies, partial as it is, and if we continue to place that high estimate upon the sacred volume which our fathers have always professed, and which led us into this great field of labour, we must confess that too great an apathy has, in some places, spread over our friends and paralyzed their efforts. The Managers desire not to shield themselves from this charge, but they deeply feel for those members of Auxiliary Associations, who, retaining their own interest in this good work, find themselves associated with others, who from whatever cause have become almost indifferent to its success. It is a judicious suggestion of one of the Auxiliaries, that this indifference has been promoted by the infrequency of the meetings of the Associations, and as a remedy it is proposed to form a branch within the limits of each monthly meeting, the members of which collecting frequently, would probably excite each other to renewed effort, and thus give additional interest to the meetings of the Auxiliary. This arrangement has been found to answer its design, in the only instance in which the

Board has been apprized of its adoption, and they respectfully submit it to the consideration of the larger Associations.

It is particularly gratifying to the Managers to find that our Female Friends in some places are entering into the concern with their wonted energy and spirit. In Burlington, N. J., the Female Branch, we are informed, already consists of seventy members. In some other places too, the females constitute an effective part of the Auxiliary; and, we would again recommend their attention to the subject, believing that their aid in ascertaining the deficiency of the Holy Scriptures in the families of Friends, would be efficient and salutary.

The Managers would have rejoiced, had it been in their power, to have furnished greater aid to many of the distant Auxiliaries for the supply of their increasing wants, but the funds have been wanting. By three only of the Auxiliary Associations, viz: Concord, Pa., Purchase, N. Y., and Philadelphia, have monies been placed at the disposal of the Board, during the past year, for this purpose. The reports afford abundant evidence, that the amount heretofore thus appropriated, has been most usefully applied. The copies of the Scriptures forwarded for gratuitous distribution, have not only been gratefully received, but have contributed to infuse new energy into Associations, depressed by the evidence of wants, which they were not able to supply. The Board again appeals to the Auxiliaries for aid to this interesting object, with the sincere hope that renewed exertions will be made during the ensuing year, to furnish the necessary funds to supply all deficiencies of Bibles amongst our members, so that in future, the Association may, through its Auxiliaries, have the great satisfaction of extending its usefulness in conformity with its original intention as expressed in its Constitution, by supplying the destitute who attend our religious meetings, but who are not in membership with us.

We once more entreat our fellow members to ask themselves whether the fact, that many families, and thousands of individuals capable of reading, who do not possess a copy of the Scriptures, and therefore cannot have constant access to the Sacred Records, is not one, which calls to renewed effort, all who acknowledge them as a revelation of the Divine Will.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

BLAKEY SHARPLESS,

Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 13th, 1836.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 4TH MO. 1st, 1836.

From Auxiliaries, viz:-				
Vassalborough, Maine, \$	70	30		
New York, New York,		00		
Farmington, do		57		
Duanesburg, do		50		
Saratoga, do		00		
Cornwall, do		80		
Scipio, do		83		
Purchase, do		75		
Ferrisburg, Vt.		50		
Philadelphia, Pa.		00		
Bucks, do	29			
Concord, do		00		
Burlington, N. J.		00		
Haddonfield, do.		75		
Salem, do		50		
Eastern, N. C.		00		
Southern, do.	51			
Salem, Ohio,	20	00		
Alum Creek, Ohio,	20	00		
Miami, do	16	00		
Blue River, Indiana,	40	00		
	171	62		
			\$1,045	87
Donations from Auxiliaries and individuals,			250	70
Life subscriptions,			120	00
Annual do			171	00
Of the annual subscriptions for 5 years,			1,272	00
For sales of Bibles and Testaments,			940	84
Balance on hand 4th mo. 2d, 1835,			620	97
				_
			\$4,421	38
n				
Payments during the same period.				
For Paper,\$	703	69		
" Printing,	197	05		
" Binding,	812	35		
" Rent,	200	00		
" Salary of Agent,	100	00		
Towards sinking fund from sales of Bibles,	277	00		
Do. do to pay for the Depository,	900	00		
Incidental Expenses,	134	00		
_		_		
	524			
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, 4th mo. 1, 1836,	797		01.10	-
_	_		\$4,421	38

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

1.	Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
	New York, New York,	do.
3.	Scipio, do.	do.
	Farmington, do.	do.
	Cornwall, do.	do.
6.	Duanesburg, do.	do.
7.	Purchase, do. Saratoga, do.	do.
8.	Saratoga, do.	do.
9.	Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
10.	Yonge Street, Upper Canada, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
11.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
12.	Bucks, do.	do.
13.	Concord, do.	do.
	Red Stone, do.	do.
15.	Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
16.	Salem, do.	do.
17.	Haddonfield, do.	do.
18.	Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.	do.
19.	New Garden, N. C.	do.
20.	Deep River, do.	do.
21.	Southern, do. Eastern, do.	do.
22.	Eastern, do.	do.
23.	Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
24.	Short Creek, do.	do.
	Miami, do.	do.
26.	Salem, do.	do.
27.	Alum Creek, do.	do.
28.	Centre, do.	do.
29.	New-Garden, Indiana,	do.
30.	Blue River, do.	do.
31.	White Water, do.	do.
32.	White Lick, do. Westfield, do.	do.
33.	Westfield, do.	do.
34.	Springfield, do.	do.
35.	Western, do.	do.

RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents: also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.

4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings which with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings. members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months on the day of . At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and, a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be en-

titled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make a report thereof to the Association or to the committee of correspondence; in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of monies collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

The Bibles, No. 4, No. 5, and No. 8, contain the References, subscribers, Family Record, Index and Concordance.				Price to others.		
COMMON BIBLENO	o. 1, 1 v	ol. Sheep,	1	75	2	00
NEW SCHOOL BIBLE, 24mo,*	1					
Do. TESTAMENT,	1					
FINE BIBLE No	0. 4, 1 5	ol do.	2	00	2	25
Do	do. 2 v	ols. do.	2	50	2	75
	do. 3 v	ols. do.	3	00	3	25
Do	o. 5, 1 v	ol. Calf,	2	50	2	75
		ols. do.	3	50	3	75
	do. 3 v	ols. do.	4	25	4	50
Do		Folded,	1	50	1	75
SUPERFINE BIBLE No	o. 8, 2 v	ols. Calf,	7	00	7	00
		ols. do.	8	00	8	00
	do. 2 v	ols. Muslin,	5	00	5	00
NEW TESTAMENT	1 v	ol. Half bd.	1	311		371
Do	1 v	ol. Sheep,		50		60

^{*} Price not yet determined by the Board.

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He foreshoweth CHAP, IX. his sufferings. us make three tabernacles; one not: and they feared to ask for thee, and one for Moses, him of that saying. and one for Elias: not know- 46 Then there arose a reason-

ing what he said.

34 While he thus spake, there should be greatest. came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they thought of their heart, took a entered into the cloud. child, and set him by him,

35 And there came a voice out 48 And said unto them, Who-

past, Jesus was found alone. ceiveth him that sent me: for And they kept it close, and he that is least among you all, And they kept a close, and he that is least allong you am, told no man in those days any the same shall be great.

of those things which they had seen.

49 ¶ And John answered and seen.

on the next day, when they and we forbad him, be were come down from the hill, followeth not with us.

38 And, behold, a mail of the company cried out, saying, Mas-not against us, is for us. ter, I beseech thee, look upon 51 ¶ And it came to pass, my son: for he is mine only when the time was come that child;

39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth

ples to cast him out; and they for him.

could not. 41 And Jesus answering said. O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with lem.

you, and suffer you! Bring thy son hither.

him again to his father.

ing among them, which of them 47 And Jesus, perceiving the

of the cloud, saying, This is my soever shall receive this child beloved Son: hear him. 36 And when the voice was whosoever shall receive me, re-

37 And it came to pass, that ing out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he

much people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the Forbid him not: for he that is

steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers beagain; and bruising him hardly fore his face: and they went, departeth from him.

and entered into a village of 40 And I besought thy disci-

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusa-

you, and suffer you! Bring thy 54 And when his disciples, son hither.

James and John, saw this, they 42 And as he was yet a comsaid, Lord, wilt thou that we ing, the devil threw him down, command fire to come down and tare him. And Jesus re-buked the unclean spirit, and them, even as Elias did? and consume healed the child, and delivered 55 But he turned, and rebuked

them, and said. Ye know not 43 ¶ And they were all amazed what manner of spirit ye are of.

43 \(^3\) And they were all amazed what manner of spirit ye are of at the mighty power of God. 36 For the Son of man is not But while they wondered every come to destroy men's lives, one at all things which Jesus but to save them. And they did, he said unto his disciples, went to another village.

41 Let these sayings sink down 57 \(^3\) And it came to pass, that, into your ears: for the Son of as they went in the way, a cerman shall be delivered into the tail men said unto him, Lord, hands of men.

45 But they understood not thou goest.
this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it Foxes have holes, and birds of



EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

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AT THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA

ON THE SEVENTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1837.

The following officers for the ensuing year were appointed, viz:

Secretary-Geo. Stewardson.

Treasurer—Henry Cope.

Corresponding Members—Jno. Paul, Thos. Evans, Isaac Collins.

Managers—Thomas Stewardson, Samuel Bettle, Timothy Paxon, Thomas P. Cope, Abraham L. Pennock, Jos. Snowdon, Thomas Kimber, Thomas Bacon, Thomas Wood, John Richardson, Benjamin H. Warder, Charles Yarnall, John G. Hoskins, Barth. Wistar, George Williams, Isaac Davis, Lindzey Nicholson, Samuel B. Morris, Blakey Sharpless, Geo. R. Smith, Mordecai L. Dawson, Jeremiah Hacker, Charles Williams, Marmaduke C. Cope.

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Delegates from several of the above mentioned Auxiliaries were present.

The annual report of the board of managers and the account of the treasurer were read, and although it thereby appears that less has been done than in any former year, the managers are encouraged to persevere in their labours; and auxiliary associations are urged to renewed exertions in obtaining the funds necessary for supplying those distant members of our Society who are destitute of the sacred volume.

Taken from the Minutes.

DANIEL B. SMITH, Sec'ry.

REPORT.

To the Bible Association of Friends in America.

THE MANAGERS REPORT.

That within the past year 1303 Bibles and 1425 Testaments have been issued from the depository, of which, 390 Bibles and 193 Testaments have been ordered by auxiliaries, and 225 Bibles and 453 Testaments deposited with auxiliaries and agents for sale on account of this Association; 145 Bibles and 170 Testaments have been delivered to auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution, or to be sold at a very low price, at their discretion; and 543 Bibles and 609 Testaments sold to booksellers and others.

An edition of 1000 copies of the 12mo Testament has been printed during the year.

The new pocket or school Bible, the plates for which were not completed at the time of making the last report, has since been published; two editions of 1000 copies of the Old and New Testaments, and 1000 of the New to be bound separately, have been printed, and a third edition ordered and in progress. A considerable number of these, both Bibles and Testaments, have been sold to subscribers and others, and are well esteemed for their portable size, and beautiful type and finish.

It may not be improper in this place to say, that notwithstanding the variety of editions of the Holy Scriptures in the market, the Reference Bible published by this Association, continues to maintain its credit, and call forth the voluntary approval and preference of many persons of different religious denominations.

The stock of Bibles and Testaments at the depository on the 1st intant, was in sheets 475 school Bibles, octavo; 1374 24mos; 725 Reference Bibles; 1212 duodecimo Testaments and 842 24mo; bound, 80 school Bibles, 8vo, 114 24mo; 250 Reference Bibles; 194 12mo Testaments, and 771 24mo, making a total of 3018 Bibles, and 3019 Testaments on hand.

Cash received during the year as follows viz. From the auxiliary within the limits of New England Yearly meeting . . New York do. do. do. Philadelphia do. N. Carolina do. do. do. do. Ohio Indiana do. do. Total from auxiliaries on account, . . \$877 57 766 98 From sales of Bibles and Testaments, From annual and life subscribers, donations from auxiliaries and individuals. from booksellers and others on account, and from other sources, including a legacy of \$500, 2,709 58 797 31 Balance on hand last year, . .

85,151 44

Making the total receipts, including

the above balance.

Within the same period, the payments have been, for paper, printing, bind-	
ing, rent, insurance, salary of agent,	
and incidental expenses,	\$2,760 02
Appropriated to the sinking fund, .	1,164 40
Paid in exchanging plates for school	
Bible,	. 602 62
Total disbursements within the year,	4,527 04
Leaving a balance in the treasury of	. \$624 40

The fund for the purchase of the building, has been increased during the year \$2,19729 cents, and amounted on the 28th of second mounth last, to \$12,72905 nearly all of which is invested in good securities, bearing interest.

Some further additions have been made to the Biblical Library, the increase of which we would recommend to the attention of the succeeding board, believing that by a careful selection of books it may grow to be valuable for reference, as an object of more than mere curiosity.

Reports have been received from twenty-four auxiliaries, from which the following facts have been collected:

One auxiliary states that it is believed that there are within their limits 300 members of our religious Society capable of reading who do not own a copy of the Bible or Testament.

One says, there are a great many that can read that have not got a Bible.

Another, that there are 700 members capable of reading, who do not own a copy; their income is insufficient to supply them.

In another, there are several hundred capable of

reading who do not own a copy; their income is not sufficient to supply them.

Within the limits of one, there are probably 250 families who have not a Reference Bible, and it would take about 300 School Bibles to supply our schools; the circumstances of most of the members are very limited.

Of another, there are a considerable number of families that have not Reference Bibles, and they have about 400 families, and 85 parts of families; about 400 members of our Society capable of reading who do not own a copy; their income is insufficient to supply the wants of Friends; but thirty three members of the auxiliary.

In one, there are 200 members who do not own a copy.

Another says, there are about fifty-five families, and fifteen individuals, that have not a Reference Bible; 260 children and adults that can read, that are not supplied with a copy; their income is not sufficient to supply them.

In one, the number of members is 640, and 263 persons capable of reading who have not a Bible.

In another, there are 470 members of our Society capable of reading, who do not own a copy of the Bible.

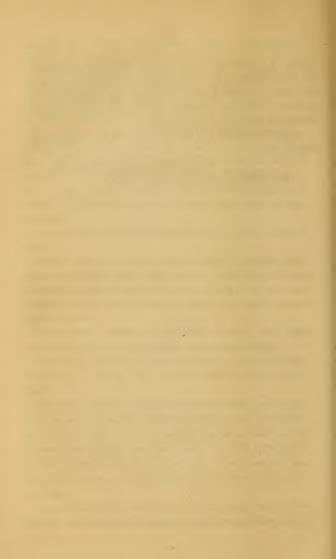
The funds placed at our disposal for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures by a few auxiliary associations, have been again replenished and again drawn upon, during the past year. It will be a satisfaction to know that the Bibles and Testaments thus distributed have, as far as heard from, been gratefully received.

An account has been opened in our books, under the title of "Individual Donations," and a small beginning

made to this fund, intended, alike with that furnished by auxiliaries, to be appropriated to supply the Bible to those in limited circumstances. It is much to be desired that the attention of Friends every where should be directed to its increase.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

John Richardson, Secretary. Philadelphia, 4th mo. 12th, 1837.



BEBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

CIRCULAR.

In conformity with the suggestion of the last annual meeting of the Bible Association of Friends in America, the Corresponding Committee deem it their duty again to invite the attention of the Auxiliaries to the important and valuable objects for which they were instituted. While the Committee feel that the wants of our distant brethren have elicited a feeling of sympathy, which has been manifested by liberal contributions from many friends, and that much has been effected, yet the painful fact remains, that many families and schools are still very inadequately supplied with the Holy Scriptures, and some of both, as well as many individual friends, are entirely destitute.

The new School Bible, published last year, is so much superior in the distinctness and size of the type to those generally in use; and withal so convenient in form, and low in price, that it is desirable it should be used in Friends' Schools generally. The importance and permanency of the impressions made during child-hood, and the practical benefits which many have

experienced through life, from reading the Holy Scriptures daily at schools, furnish conclusive reasons for persevering in this good practice. Nor is the frequent perusal of the sacred pages in families, or by individuals privately, less important to the cultivation of sound principles and religious obligations.

While sensible of the benefits and privilege thus enjoyed, it is a source of deep regret that any of our brethren or sisters should not have access to them, from the circumstance of their not possessing a copy of the Bible; and that this continues to be the situation of many, is an undoubted fact.

Some auxiliaries whose members are favoured with abundant temporal means, and whose sphere of action in their immediate neighbourhoods is limited, have paid over their funds to aid in furnishing distant auxiliaries, where means are small and the wants great. The assistance thus rendered has been cordially accepted, and proved highly useful. There yet remains, however, much room for the exercise of liberality in this worthy cause; and it is greatly to be desired that the appeal made by the annexed annual Report, may be permitted to have full weight on the minds of those in whose hands Divine Providence has placed abundant means.

The love of the Holy Scriptures, and the desire to be often reading their invaluable pages, are so intimately connected with the state of religion in the heart, that they may be considered no uncertain criterion of the fervor of our piety. And in proportion as we individually realize the many and precious advantages which the Christian derives from them, so will our desire increase to contribute as far as may

be in our power, to diffusing those advantages among our brethren.

The Corresponding Committee earnestly request, that auxiliaries will early turn their attention toward collecting the requsite materials for forming their annual Report; and as far as may be practicable, give all the information in detail, which is asked for in the queries heretofore published. Some of the Reports have not reached the Managers of the parent institution in time to be laid before the annual meeting, and others have not come to hand at all. It is particularly desired they may be prepared and forwarded so as to reach this city early in the Third month next; directed to the Agent of the Association.

JOHN PAUL, ISAAC COLLINS, THOMAS EVANS.

Committee of Correspondence. Philadelphia, 9th month 27th, 1837.

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1.	Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association
	New York, New York,	do.
	Scipio, do.	do.
	Farmington, do.	do.
5	Cornwall do	do.
6.	Duanesburg, do.	do.
7.	Purchase, do.	do.
8.	Saratoga, do.	do.
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10	Yonge Street Upper Canada,	do.
	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
	Bucks, do.	do.
13.	Concord, do.	do.
14.	Red Stone, do.	do.
15.	Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
16.	Salem, do.	do.
	Haddonfield, do.	do.
18.	Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.	do.
19.	New Garden, N. C.	do.
20.	Deep River, do.	do.
21.	Southern, do.	do.
22.	Eastern, do.	do.
	Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
	Short Creek, do.	do.
25.	Miami, do.	do.
26.	Salem, do.	do.
	Alum Creek, do.	do.
28.	Centre, do.	do.
29.	New-Garden, Indiana,	do.
30.	Blue River, do.	do.
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Common Bible, without References,	8vo.	No. 1		Best sheep	1 75	2 00
Do. do.	24mo.	No. 2	l vol.	do.	75	75
Fine Bible, with Ref., Fam. Record,					0.00	
Index & Concordance,	8vo.	No. 4		do.	2 00	2 25
Do. do. do.			2 vols.		2 50 3 00	2 75 3 25
Do. do. do.	66		3 vels.		2 50	2 75
Do. do. do.	44		2 vols.	Calf	3 50	3 75
Do. do. do.	46	do.	3 vols.	do.	4 50	4 75
Do. without References, &c.	24mo.			Best shp., raised bands		1 00
Do. do.	66	do.	l vol.	Calf embossed	2 50	2 50
Do. do.	- 66	do.	l vol.		3 00	3 00
Superfine Bible, with Ref, F. Rec.,				, 0		
Index & Concord.	8vo.		l vol.	Calf	6 25	6 25
Do. do. do	66		2 vols.		7 00	7 00
Do. do. do.	46		3 vols.		8 00	8 00
Do. do. do.		do.	2 vols.		5 00	5 00
Common Testament,	12mo.			Best sheep	50 371	60
Do	24mo.			Half lound In skirer	25	- 44 25
Fine Testament,	44			do.	311	311
Do	60			Best shp. raised bands		50
Do	66			Culf embossed	1 00	1 00
Do	46			do. do. & gilt edges		1 25
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The Nominating Committee proposed the following names of persons to serve as officers of the Association for the ensuing year, who, being approved, were accordingly appointed; to wit,

Secretary-Samuel Mason, Jr.

Treasurer—Henry Cope.

Committee of Correspondence—John Paul, Thos. Evans, Isaac Collins.

Managers—Thomas Stewardson, Samuel Bettle, Timothy Paxson, Thomas P. Cope, Joseph Snowdon, Thomas Kimber, Thomas Wood, John Richardson, Benjamin H. Warder, John G. Hoskins, George Stewardson, Bartholomew Wistar, George Williams, Lindzey Nicholson, Blakey Sharpless, George R. Smith, Mordecai L. Dawson, Jeremiah Hacker, Charles Williams, John Elliot, Joseph Rakestraw, Isaiah Hacker, Stephen P. Morris, William Thomas.

Reports from the following Auxiliaries were received, viz: New York, Purchase, Cornwall, and Duanesburg, N. Y.; Burlington and Haddonfield, N. J.; Philadelphia and Concord, Pa.; Stillwater, Ohio*; Blue River, White Lick, White Water, Westfield, Western, Springfield and Spiceland, Indiana.

The Managers were directed to publish their Annual Report, together with such other information relating to the Institution, as they may deem expedient.

Extracted from the Minutes.

GEORGE STEWARDSON, Secretary.

* The Report from Alum Creek did not arrive till after the Annual Meeting.

REPORT

To the Bible Association of Friends in America.

THE MANAGERS REPORT

That there have been issued from the Depository during the past year 1723 Bibles and 864 Testaments; of which 506 Bibles, and 292 Testaments were ordered by Auxiliaries, and 269 Bibles and 147 Testaments were consigned to them for sale on account of the Association; 85 Bibles have been distributed gratuitously: 75 of which were sent to the Boarding School under the care of the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, and the cost of them charged to a donation lately received from England; the remainder were sent to a new auxiliary.

The third edition of the Pocket or School Bible which was in the press at the time of the last annual meeting, was published soon afterwards, and the price of it was fixed at 75 cents per copy. A fourth edition of 1000 copies, printed on larger paper, to be sold at \$1.00 per copy, is now in the course of publication.

The stock of Bibles and Testaments on hand on the 4th instant, was 475 octavo and 1108 24mo. school Bibles, 427 Reference Bibles; 480 duodecimo, and 590 24mo. Testaments in sheets: 53 octavo and 388 24mo. School Bibles, 331 Reference Bibles; 422 duodecimo and 526 24mo. Testaments bound; making a total of 2782 Bibles and 2018 Testaments.

The addition to the Biblical library during the past year has been but small.

It appears from the Annual Account of the Treasurer, herewith submitted, that the receipts of the last year have been \$3513.14, viz.

From	Auxi	liary	Asso	ciation	ns,	-	-	\$961.80
66	Subs	cript	ions a	and De	onatio	ns,	-	1421.00
44	Sales	of I	Bibles	and '.	l'estar	nents	, -	987.68
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but	ion of	the	Bible	at the	discr	etion	of	
the	Board	d,	-	-	-	-	-	142.66
Whic	h add	ed to	the b	alance	on h	and la	ist	
yea	r,	-1	-	1-	-	-	-	624.40
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The payments during the same time, including \$1485.40 appropriated to the sinking fund, have been \$3753.80, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 4th instant, of \$383.74, the whole of which will be required to discharge debts already contracted.

The fund for the purchase of the building amounted on the 1st of last month to \$15085.13, having increased during the year \$2356.08, and leaving about \$7800 yet to be raised for that purpose.

On the 24th of 5th month last, a new Auxiliary was formed at Spiceland, Indiana, denominated "Spiceland Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," and composed of those members of Whitewater Auxiliary Association, who reside within the limits of Duck Creek, Spiceland, and Walnut Ridge Monthly Meetings: it has been duly recognized by the Board, and the usual number of Bibles presented to it; the Constitution thereof having been examined and approved.

Reports have been received from 15 Auxiliaries, 11

of which render an account of the Bibles and Testaments distributed by them during the past year-the whole number being 290 Bibles and 236 Testaments, a considerable part of which appear to have been gratuitously disposed of. Only five have given particular answers to the queries: these five-embracing within their limits 1378 families, composed either wholly or in part of Friends,-report, that although very few families are not supplied with one or more copies of the Holy Scriptures, yet that 1663 individuals do not possess one. One of them states that four families of Friends within their limits have no copy of the Bible, and another that 15 families are without a complete copy. The other three say that there is no family amongst them which does not possess at least one full copy, many of them being, however, of a very inferior description.-One remarks that there appears to be within their limits about 300 members of the Society of Friends capable of reading the Bible, who do not possess a copy of it; yet the same Auxiliary adds, that very few Bibles or Testaments will probably be sold by them soon, and that Testaments are very dull of sale.

Another Auxiliary says, "It is believed that there is no family unsupplied with the Holy Scriptures, but among the younger members of families advancing to maturity, there are a considerable number who are not yet supplied."

Another observes, "As far as has come to our knowledge, our feeble efforts have enabled us to supply every destitute family of Friends with a copy of the Bible, although there are yet many individuals capable of reading the Scriptures, who have not yet been supplied." "We acknowledge the benefit we have received through your agency in the spread of the Holy Scriptures amongst us, and hope you may be encouraged to persevere in so good a work."

From the Report of Another Auxiliary, the Managers take the following extract:

"It will be observed that a large proportion of the Testaments that we have distributed were for the use of coloured persons; some of which were to aid the benevolent efforts of individuals who are endeavouring to instruct this much neglected class of the community in the very midst of slavery."

In reviewing the proceedings of the Bible Association from its origin to the present period, we see no reason to alter the opinions which have been repeatedly expressed by the Managers, that benefits of great importance to the Society of Friends on this Continent have been the fruits of its labours. Many thousand families have been through its agency supplied with an excellent and accurate edition of the Holy Scriptures; a dedesire to possess them has become more prevalent among the young; and although the sanguine expectations of many of us respecting the magnitude and influence of the Bible Association have not been fully realized, we may look forward to the near approach of the period, when the institution shall be placed on a permanent foundation, and when we may reasonably expect a revival of zeal in its cause, and increased vigour and usefulness in its labours.

In looking over the Reports, the Managers have been struck with the small number of members or which many of the Auxiliary societies are composed. In numerous instances they appear to consist of only 20 or 30 members; and one Auxiliary, embracing 300 families of Friends within its limits, has only 9 individuals belonging to it. Some of these little bands of la-

bourers appear to be amongst the most active promoters of this righteous cause. They deserve and should receive our sympathy. May their example also stimulate others to become fellow labourers in the work.

Several of the Auxiliary Societies report that their incomes are quite insufficient to supply the deficiencies existing in their neighbourhoods. Some on the other hand report that the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings appear to be duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures. Gratifying as this circumstance is, it must not be supposed that there is no more work for such Auxiliaries to do. Let them remember their less favoured brethren in remote parts of the country. Let the wants of those, who, though not members of the same religious society, make profession of the same religious principles with ourselves, be sought out and administered to. And let us not lose sight of those general principles of philanthrophy, which will lead us to embrace the world at large within the circle of our benevolence.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Managers.

Benj. H. Warder, Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th. Month, 12th., 1838.

Note.—A desire was expressed in the Annual Meeting that Females should be invited and encouraged to unite in promoting the cause of the Association. It is believed that much good has resulted from the co-operation of Females, within the limits of those Auxiliaries where a female branch has been organized. They are effective labourers in searching out the destitute, and supplying them with the Holy Scriptures, and seem, from their greater facilities for enquiring into the wants of families, to be better qualified than men to perform this important and delicate portion of the work.

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3. Scipio,		do.
4. Farmington,	do.	do.
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8. Saratoga,	do.	do.
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10. Yonge Street 1	Upper Canada,	do.
11. Philadelphia, l	Pennsylvania,	do.
12. Bucks,	do.	do.
13. Concord,		do.
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16. Salem,		do.
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Do. do. do.	66	do.	2 vols.		50	5 00
mmon Testament,	- 12mo.			Best sheep	374	60
Do.		l l		Half bound	25	44
Do	- 24mo.			In skiver	311	25
ne Testament,	- 6	1		do		311
Do	- 6		1	Best shp. raised bands	1 00	50
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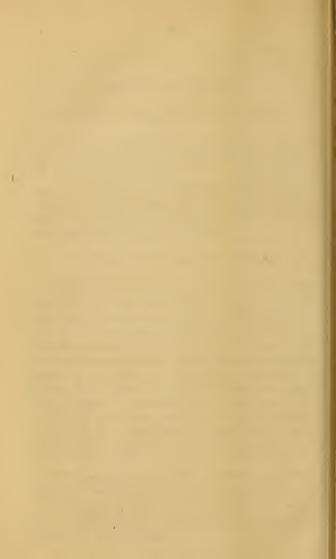
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OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

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OF THE FIFTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1839.

PHILADELPHIA:

JOSEPH RAKESTRAW, PRINTER.

1839.

ABSTRACT, &c.

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Reports were received from the Auxiliary Associations of New York and Purchase, New York; Burlington and Haddonfield, New Jersey; Philadelphia and Concord, Pennsylvania; Miami, Ohio;—and White Lick, Westfield, White Water, Blue River, and Spiceland, Indiana.

It appearing from the Report of the Managers, that the lease of the building at the corner of Fourth Street and Apple-tree Alley, will expire in the seventh month next, and it being desirable that the Association should be the owners of the property, it is agreed to purchase it, and the Managers are directed to appoint trustees to receive and hold the title thereof. They are authorised to apply the funds of the Association in payment as far as practicable, to solicit subscriptions in order to make up the deficiencies, and they are invested with full power to perform all necessary acts respecting the purchase and management of this estate.

The Managers are directed to publish such parts of their Annual Report, and of the Reports of the Auxiliary Associations, as they may deem expedient.

The nominating committee proposed the following Friends to serve as Officers of the Association, for the next year. They were approved and accordingly appointed, viz.

SAMUEL MASON, JR., SECRETARY.

HENRY COPE, TREASURER.

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Extracted from the minutes :-

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

In surrendering the trust confided to them, the Managers present to the Association a Report of their proceedings during the past year, and of the present condition of the interesting concern under their charge.

Since our last Annual Report there have been issued from the depository 1320 Bibles and 515 Testaments, of which 457 Bibles and 87 Testaments were sold to Auxiliaries, and 30 Bibles and 25 Testaments furnished for gratuitous distribution. 80, 24mo. Bibles were also sent to Ohio Yearly Meeting Boarding School, to be gratuitously distributed among children, whose parents or guardians could not conveniently afford the means of supplying them with a copy of the Sacred Volume.

The fourth edition of 1000 copies of the 24mo. Bible, which was in press at the time of our last Annual Meeting, has since been completed. It is on a fine and substantial paper, and forms a handsome and easily legible volume, well adapted for schools or private reading. A fifth edition, of the same size is now in press, which is intended to be sold at 75 cents per copy. The superiority of these Bibles, in paper, printing and binding, over the coarse editions which abound, render them much more desirable for the use of schools, and as they are furnished at a moderate price, we trust the advantages they offer will induce Friends generally to adopt them. The difficulties

which children who are not expert readers, often experience from a very small and imperfect type and dark paper, are in danger of giving them a distaste for reading the Scriptures, before their judgments are sufficiently matured to appreciate the value of their contents; and this disrelish, when once acquired, is likely to continue long after the causes which gave rise to it have passed away. 1000 copies of the 24mo. New Testament have also been printed, and an edition of 1000 of the 8vo. Reference Bible.

The stock of books on hand consists of

432 copies of the Svo. Bible without references—
1027 " " with "
689 " 24mo. "
1400 " " Testaments—
350 " 12mo. "

in sheets; and 30, 8vo. Bibles, without references—238, with references—549, 24mo. Bibles—571, 24mo. Testaments—and 185, 12mo. bound; making in all 2965 Bibles, and 2506 Testaments.

The whole number printed by the Association to the present time, is

2000 copies of the 8vo. Bibles, without references—
9500 " " with "
4000 " 24mo. "
7850 " 12mo. New Testaments—
2900 " 24mo. " "

making a total of 15,500 Bibles, and 10,750 Testaments; of the former, 12,535 copies have been disposed of, and 8244 copies of the latter.

The Biblical Library has received some additions during the past year, and contains copies of numerous editions of the sacred volume, ancient and modern, comprising 40 different languages, besides a number of valuable works explanatory of Scripture history, geography, philosophy, &c. From the Annual Report of the Treasurer, which is herewith submitted, it appears that he has received during the past year the sum of \$3151.82, from the following sources, viz:—

Balance on hand fourth month, 1838,	. \$383.74
From Auxiliaries in payment,	
" " donations,	. 67.00
" to supply indigent Friends, .	. 40.00
Sales of Bibles and Testaments,	. 1258.01
Annual Subscriptions,	. 156.00
Money borrowed,	. 500.00
Donation from an individual,	. 5.00
	\$3151.82

The payments during the same period have amounted to \$2644.93, leaving a balance of \$506.89, of which \$500 is borrowed, to be repaid, with interest.

No new Auxiliary has been reported to the Board during the past year.

Reports have been received from ten Auxiliaries; viz: Philadelphia, New York, Purchase, Concord, Miami, White Lick, Westfield, White Water, Blue River and Haddonfield.

Nine of these give an account of the Bibles and Testaments distributed by them during the past year; being 262 Bibles, and 46 Testaments; a considerable part of which were gratuitously disposed of.

Five have given particular answers to the queries: these five, embracing 1243 families or parts of families, report, that nearly every family is supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, but that there are about 1160 individuals who do not possess a copy exclusively their own.

One Auxiliary mentions, that "Owing to our limited means, our operations have necessarily been confined within very narrow bounds during the past year;—the income of our Auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within our limits

with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, who are not so furnished."

Another remarks: that "The income of the Auxiliary is insufficient to supply those within its limits, who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures."

From the Report of one of the Auxiliaries, we make the following extract: "We have reason to hope, that the object for which the Societies, both Parent and Auxiliary were formed, is advancing, and we believe the time is not far distant, when it will be right for Friends to turn their attention to the wants of those who are not in membership with us, as well as Friends."

Another states, that "In a few instances we have stepped beyond the limits of our own Society, in handing a Bible to some who appeared deserving of our attention; and presents thus offered, have in all cases been accepted with lively expressions of gratitude."

From another: "Though the labour of this Auxiliary, during previous years, has much narrowed our operations in our own Society, yet we believe, that a field of usefulness is still open to us—a considerable number of those we have distributed have been among that interesting class, our minor members, who have been placed in this city as apprentices."

^{*}Extract from the Report of an Auxiliary, received after the date of the Managers' Report.

[&]quot;The field of labour within the limits of this Auxiliary, (so long, at least, as it is principally confined to our own religious Society,) is not great, and the number of Friends who take an active interest in its concerns is but small."

[&]quot;It would be unjust, however, to apply this remark to the Female Branch of our Auxiliary, whose number is considerably greater, and whose members have manifested their interest in the objects of the Association, both in the distribution of Bibles and Testaments, and in the contribution of funds for its support. It appears by their Reports, that they have appointed committees of investigation within the limits of the several preparative meetings in this quarter. Most of the Bibles and Testaments distributed during the past year, have passed through their hands."

In reviewing the operations of the Parent Institution, as well as the Auxiliary Associations, for the past year, the Managers regret that they cannot report a larger number of Bibles disposed of.—They would hope that this does not proceed from any diminution of the esteem entertained for the sacred volume, or of the benefits which are conferred by the possession and diligent use of its invaluable contents. The labours of most of the Auxiliaries have been confined, nearly exclusively, we believe, to the supply of the members of our own religious Society, which has of necessity been a circumscribed field of action.

In the formation of the Association, this important object was undoubtedly the first aimed at, but it was also in contemplation to widen the sphere of our benevolence, and embrace all the destitute, by whatever religious name they were distinguished.

The Managers cannot but fear, that a degree of indifference, respecting the objects of the Association, has come over many of our members, which if yielded to, will have an unhappy influence on themselves, and be prejudicial to the Society where they dwell. If our sympathies and benevolence are not kept in active operation, they are soon blunted and become dormant;—so likewise, if the wants of the Society, which are annually occurring, are not duly searched out, and a remedy applied, they rapidly multiply, and the lapse of a few years may find us in a situation little better, as to the relative supply of the Holy Scriptures, than we were when the Association commenced its labours.

"The spirit of Christian benevolence, is a motive to action, which never rests satisfied in self-indulgence, while a brother appeals to it for sympathy. It is sufficient to secure its aid, that distress or poverty be made known to it, and that it lies within its power to relieve it. It considers the blessings of Providence as gifts in trust for the afflicted and the needy; and as it prizes the moral above the physical well-being of our nature, the strongest appeals which can be made to its

sympathies, are those that have for their object the religious improvement of the human race. When we narrow the circle, on behalf of which the appeal is made, to that community which concentrates within itself our strongest and tenderest affections, and with the condition of which, whether prosperous or adverse, the welfare of ourselves and of our children are identified, how much do we add to its moral force!"

While, however, the members of our own religious community have a primary claim on our aid, and it is our imperative duty to contribute according to our means, toward furnishing them with the Holy Scriptures, our benevolence must not stop here. There is a numerous class of professors with Friends, and those who are descended from members of the Society, who are also the proper objects of our care; and besides these, there are the broad and general obligations of Christian charity, which would lead us to give a copy of that best of all books to all who are destitute.

There is reason to believe, that some Auxiliaries have relaxed in their labours, and almost sunk into supineness, by circumscribing their views to their own immediate limits,-and when the families of Friends there were supplied, have concluded their labour was at an end. We trust that such will be aroused to fresh diligence, by the considerations we have suggested, and by the recollection, that there are a large number, even of their brethren and sisters in religious profession, remotely situated, whose means do not admit of their purchasing an adequate supply of Bibles for their families, and who would gladly avail themselves of their aid. This fact, the Managers wish again to press upon the serious consideration of Friends. It is from the members of Auxiliary Associations, and other benevolent individuals, surrounded by outward blessings, and in the enjoyment of abundance, and whose hearts can sympathize with such as are less favourably circumstanced, that the means of supplying the deficiencies which yet exist, must be derived. Who, that has felt the consolation and support, the instruction and comfort, which, under the Divine bless-

ing, are derived from the sacred pages, would not cheerfully and gladly lend his aid in conveying to a destitute brother or sister, that rich treasury of religious knowledge. If the means which are expended in ministering to useless luxury or vain show, were devoted to this Christian purpose, such an employment of a liberal portion of those goods, over which a bountiful Creator has made us stewards, would be productive of substantial peace to our minds, and confer a valuable benefit on our fellow-men. Numerous are the instances on record, in which the impressions made in early life by the vocal reading of the sacred volume, in families, have followed the individual through youth to manhood, often recurring with lively force and restraining influence, and exercising a salutary control over the future condition of the man. How often have they seemed to be the last lingering traces of a pious education, preserving their identity and a degree of vigour, even amid the moral decay, evidently stamped upon the character, and at last, perhaps, upon a sick-bed, or in the solitary chamber, have proved instrumental, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in leading to sincere penitence and amendment of life. Many a man whose heart has not bowed to the pure and holy religion of the Gospel, has yet been forced to bear testimony to the excellence of those lessons imprinted in childhood upon his mind, when a pious mother has taken him aside, read to him the instructive pages of Holy Writ, and perhaps enforced their precepts with the admonitions of maternal tenderness, prompted by the inward stirrings of that spirit of Divine love which seeks the salvation of all. And not unfrequently, when every other avenue for religious truths has seemed closed, an appeal to these early and lasting impressions has proved a door of access to the deep recesses of the heart.

While speaking of the effect of pious maternal education, we are naturally led to contemplate the importance and value of the aid conferred by female Auxiliaries, in the distribubution and use of the Holy Scriptures. Their services have

already been highly beneficial, and we trust they will be animated and encouraged more generally to unite and persevere in the good work. It is their peculiar and favoured province, to search out and minister with winning kindness to the wants of others-to soothe their sorrows and alleviate by tender sympathy the keenness of distress and suffering. In this work of mercy, many opportunities present, of ascertaining whether the objects of their Christian care are furnished with Bibles, and of enforcing the frequent and devout perusal of it; and it would be no small additional pleasure, to bear with them in their visits of love, so worthy and so useful a gift. If the members of our own Society are generally supplied-if the meetings of the Auxiliaries seem to be dull and but little to do, or if few interest themselves in this worthy cause, we entreat that none may be thereby discouraged-or induced to relax in their efforts. Christian benevolence carries with it its own reward-originating in that Divine charity, which embraces the whole family of mankind, it reaches forth in earnest desire for the physical and moral welfare of all, and every act which it prompts brings to the mind a measure of that peace, which transcends all mere temporal enjoyments.

The Managers wish to call the special attention of the Association to the situation of the property at the corner of Fourth Street and Apple-tree Alley. Its central and convenient location—the extent and adaptation of the buildings, and the numerous other advantages which it combines, render it peculiarly desirable as a permanent Depository for the Bible Association. It has been stated in former reports, that the lot was purchased and the buildings erected at the expense of one of the members of the Board, who leased it for the use of the Association, at a rent less than legal interest on the cost, with the privilege of taking the title to the property in fee, at the expiration of seven years, upon the payment of the original debt. The period designated for the purchase will expire in the seventh month next. If therefore the Associa-

tion wish to secure the possession of so valuable a scite for the transaction of their business, it will be necessary to empower the succeeding Board of Managers, or some other committee, to perfect the business, by purchasing the property at the stipulated price, appointing Trustees to receive the Conveyance of the legal estate therein, and adopting such measures as may be requisite for making payment.

The sum expended in the purchase of the lot, and completing the buildings, is \$22,900. The sinking fund, appropriated for accomplishing this object, amounted on the 1st of third month last, to \$16,608 16—leaving a deficiency of about \$6,500 to be provided for.

Besides the strong inducements already noticed for making this purchase, there is another on which we wish to make a few remarks.—The Board of Managers have the control of no fund, from which they can supply Bibles to Auxiliaries or individuals, however pressing the call.

Occasional remittances are received from Auxiliaries, situated in wealthy neighbourhoods, whose funds are more than adequate to the supply of their own wants,—but these are uncertain, small in amount, and mostly restricted in the application.

Cases come to the knowledge of the Corresponding committee, where a remote settlement of Friends, in a new country, struggling with indigence and the difficulties attendant on emigration, or making a beginning in the wilderness, would gladly avail themselves of the advantages offered to Auxiliaries, but are discouraged by the small and inadequate amount of funds which it is in their power to raise.

Applications are not unfrequently made at the counter of the Depository, presenting strong claims for the bestowment of a Bible, and where the propriety and usefulness of the gift seem unquestionable; but the Managers have not the means for aiding either of these interesting classes of applicants, They have no permanent funds—the monies at their disposal are necessarily employed in printing Bibles and Testaments, from which they derive no emolument.

Should the Association determine to purchase the property in question, and raise by subscription the sum necessary to make up the deficiency of the sinking fund, the rents derived from the parts of the building not wanted for our accommodation, would form a permanent fund applicable to the general purposes of the Association, and which would be extensively useful in promoting the worthy and benevolent objects for which it was commenced.

In the use of this fund, the Board of Managers would have it in their power to encourage, by occasional donations of Bibles and Testaments, distant Auxiliaries, whose utmost exertions will not enable them to meet all the deficiencies whose existence they lament. They would be enabled also, where it should be deemed expedient, to sell their books at less than cost, thus holding out inducements to pay a part, where it might not be practicable to pay the full price—and in various ways essentially and efficiently aid in prosecuting this Christian work, the benefit and propriety of which, the experience of nearly ten years has amply confirmed.

It is to those interested and benevolent individuals who are surrounded with plenty, and have hearts warmed with gratitude to heaven for the blessings they enjoy, and with sympathy for their fellow-men who are suffering the deprivations of very restricted means, that we appeal on the present occasion for the means to accomplish this desirable object. The Managers recur with pleasure to the noble liberality which was evinced, when a similar call for aid was made about six years ago. A feeling of generous and Christian sympathy seemed to animate the whole of our little community, and in about one month, Friends contributed more than \$14,000. We cherish the hope, that the present application, no less important in its objects, and presenting equally strong claims upon our feelings, will be met in a correspondent disposition, and

the means be cheerfully and promptly contributed to extinguish the remaining debt.

We rejoice in the diligence and perseverance evinced by some of our Friends in the work in which we are embarked: a work which we believe has been blessed to many, both of the dispensers and recipients, which has placed in hundreds of families, hitherto entirely destitute, a well printed copy of the sacred records-furnishing them with the opportunity of reading its invaluable contents, which an eminent apostle declares, "are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith, which is in Christ Jesus." And while we believe it is impossible for us to estimate the amount of good, which under the Divine favour may thus have been secretly and silently wrought, we earnestly desire, that all may be animated with fresh zeal and interest in the undertaking, remembering, that however small the degree in which we contribute to the spread of Christian Truth, and the kingdom of the Redeemer in the earth, we shall not miss of a rich reward.

By direction and on behalf of the Board of Managers.

BENJAMIN H. WARDER, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth Month 6, 1839.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

1.	Vassalborough, N	Iaine, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
	New York, New		do.
3.	Scipio, de		do.
4.	Farmington, do),	do.
5	Cornwall, de).	do.
6.	Duanesburg, de).	do.
7.	Duanesburg, de Purchase, de Saratoga, de	0.	do.
8.	Saratoga, de) ,	do.
9.	Ferrisburg, Verm	iont,	do.
	Yonge Street, Up		do.
	Philadelphia, Pen		do.
12.	Bucks, do).	do.
13.	Concord, do		do.
	Red Stone, do		do.
15.	Burlington, New	Jersey,	do.
	Salem, do		do.
	Haddonfield, do		do.
	Upper Quarterly		do.
	New Garden, N.		do.
	Deep River, do).	do.
	Southern, do).	do.
	Eastern. do).	do.
	Stillwater, Ohio,		do.
	Short Creek, do		do.
	Miami, de),	do.
	Salem, do).	do.
	Alum Creek, de		do.
	Centre, do		do.
	New-Garden, Ind		do.
	Blue River, do		do.
	White Water, do		do.
32.	White Lick, do).	do.
33.	Westfield, do).	do.
34.	Springfield, do Western, do).	do.
35.	Western, do).	do.
30.	Spiceland, do).	do.

RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

AUXILIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, for furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

- 1st. Any person paying to the treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.
- 2d. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.
- 3d. The officers of this Association shall be a secretary, treasurer, and a committee of correspondence.
- 4th. The committee of correspondence shall consist of the secretary, treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their

own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings; which with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its quarterly meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first quarterly meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments, distributed and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and, a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz. "The full amount paid by auxiliary societies to the treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make a report thereof to the Association or to the committee of correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the secretary; and at every quarterly meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood, the amount of monies collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

Prices of Bibles and Testaments.

				Size of Bible or Test.	No. of Bible.	No. of Vols.	How Bound.	Price to Auxiliaries, Subscribers & B'ksellers	
Common Bible, without References,			8vo.	No. 1	1 vol.	Best sheep	1 75	2 00	
Do.		do.		24mo.	No. 2	1 vol.	do.	75	75
Fine Bible, w.	ith Ref., 1	Fam. R	ecord,					1	
	Index & (1 vol.	do.	2 00	2 25
Do.	do.	do.		66		2 vols.	do.		2 75
Do.	do.	do.		**		3 vols.			3 25
Do.	do.	do.		66		1 vol.	Calf		2 75
Do.	do.	do.		**		2 vols.		3 50	3 75
Do.	do.	do.		66		3 vols.		4 50	4 75
Do. without References, &c.,						1 00	1 00		
Do.			66		1 vol.			2 50	
Do. do.			46	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt edges	3 00	3 00	
Superfine Bible, with Ref., F. Rec.,									
-		x & Con				1 vol.	Calf	6 25	6 25
Do.	do			"		2 vols.		7 00	7 00
Do.	do					3 vols.		8 00	8 00
Do.	do	. d	0.		do.	2 vols.		5 00	5 00
Common Tes	tament,			12mo.		1	Best sheep	50	60
Do.			-				Half bound	371	44
Do.				24mo.	1		In skiver	25	25
Fine Testame	ent, -			"			do.	311	311
Do.			-	"			Best shp., raised bands		50
Do.			-	"			Calf embossed	1 00	1 00
Do.	-					1	do. do. & gilt edges	1 25	1 25
Do.			-	"	1	1	Pocket-book form	1 00	1 00

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivor for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to the corresponding members, or to George W. Taylor, Agent. CONTRACTOR OF THE ABSTRACTION.

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The Board of Managers submit their Elevinth Annual Report.

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The fifth edition of 1000 copies of the 24 mo. Bible, which was in press at the time of the last Annual Report, was completed soon

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The Biblical Library has recd. a small addition during the past year.

From the Annual Report of the Treasurer, it appears that including the balance on hand 4MO. 1839, he has recd. the sum of \$2984.39, from the following sources, viz:

Balance on hand 4th.MO.6th. I839 \$506.89
From Auxiliaries in payment & on account838.79
do donations 58.75

Sales of Bibles & Testaments 1261.96
Annual Subscriptions 153.00
Other do 160.00
Donation from an Individual 5.00

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The payments during the same period, including \$500 borrowed money, have amounted to \$2228.34, leaving a balance in his hands on th 3rd. inst. of \$756.05.

Reports have been received from Eleven Auxiliaries, viz: Philadelphia, New York, Purchase, N. Y., Cornwall, N. Y., Concord, Pa., Burlington, N. J., Salem, N. J., Springfield, Westfield, White Sick & Western, Indiana.

Nine of these state the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed by them during the past year, being 273 Bibles & I60 Testaments, some of which were gratuitously disposed of. But few have given particular answers to the Queries, the following extracts have been take from these reports, as exhibiting the best account of their condition.

One Auxiliary states that "Our distribution although greater than in some former year it will be perceived is still small. But conscious that our duties do not depend on the great amount of good which appears to result from their performance, we desire to encourage one another to a steady, patient continuance in our quiet and unobtrusive field of action. For often we find individuals engage in labours of love with zeal and energy, under the excitement produced by new prospects of benevolent action, who soon permit or allow their interest to abate. The motive to action in the Christian disciple, should be stable, springing from a sense of duty, and neither dependant

on novelty, excitement nor success."

Another that "We continue to be persuaded that our Association although small is still useful and that the Bibles & Testaments printed by the Parent Association are preferred to all others. We are desirous that parents and heads of families should supply the younger members with a copy of the small Bible. This has been encouraged at our Annual Meeting and we hope it will be more generally attended to.

From the report of an Auxiliary we make the following extract "The number of families within the limits of this quarterly Meeting are about Eighty. None of these are destitute of a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and most of them have more than one. We cannot give the recise number of members within our limits. capable of reading, who are not furnished with a Bible, but there are several young persons of an age suitable to possess a copy, who are not yet supplied. It affords us satisfaction to state, that we have the addition of several new subscribers. The whole number the present year is forty four of whom ten are females. to books have been sold the present year, but all that were received (16 in number) have seen gratuitously disposed of.

The whole number of Bibles procured by this Auxiliary since its formation are about 13. The number of Testaments I26, very few of these have been sold. Some have been placed in Schools belonging to the Society. The remainder have been gratuitously distributed umong members of our Religious Society, with the exception of a few that have been bestowed upon those who were not in membership with us.

A Report from an Auxiliary in a remote listrict, that ceased to correspond for several rears, states that "It is but lately that an attempt was made to revive the concern. We are now again organized, though our numbers are small and our means limited. Within our

limits we have 5 Preparative Meetings, mostly small, composed of I80 families, and parts of families, the greater part of whom are in more limited circumstances, than is usual for members of our Society in this part of the Country to be. They contain 600 readers who have but 228 Bibles and 66 Testaments amongst them, no family destitute of a copy of the Bible. Our greatest need is School Bibles & Testaments.

An Auxiliary states that "Although our labours have been very much circumscribed in relation to distributing the Holy Scriptures in consequence of their being but few amongst us who are destitute thereof: yet we entertain a hope that the original objects which the parent as well as this Auxiliary were formed are advancing, and if we properly appreciate the many blessings a kind Providence has been pleased to bestow upon us, and among them & not the least, is that of having the opportunity of perusing the sacred pages, it ought to stimulate us to renewed exertions to endeavor to place them within the reach of all our members.

In conclusion we would remark as in a former report, that we think the time not very distant when it will be right for Friends to turn their attention to supplying those not in membership with us with copies of the Holy Scriptures.

One remarks "that in attempting to offer to you our Annual Report, we feel that we have but little to contribute that will be likely to edify or encourage you in your very laudable & as we conceive Christian labour for the diffusing and beneficial reading of the Holy Scriptures, which we believe all Christians will unite with the great Apostle Paul, that they are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ. We have felt in our small & scattered situation a weight of discouragement, but when convened in our small

eetings for the purpose of the concerns of the Auxiliary, we have been favored to feel uniting strength of encouragement to persevere in doing the little that we may have the ability to do to help and encourage a work so good and desirable. We have been so happy as to be able to supply all suffering cases that have been known in our Quarterly Meeting, but in consequence of the general pressure of the times, we are not able to do much, but we are comforted and encouraged to perseverance by the evidence that the concern is owned by the great head of the Church. We believe Friends are in-

dence that the concern is owned by the great head of the Church. We believe Friends are increasingly concerned that the Scriptures should be more used in all Schools of literature than they have been. There is no doubt a very considerable number of Bibles & Testaments needed to supply all wants for that purpose."

Another Auxiliary in the West states

"that no family is destitute of the Holy Scriptures, tho' some are not in possession of more than one full copy, while the greater part are more fully supplied. A considerable number of our youth who are capable of reading remain yet unfurnished with separate copies. Our Schools are pretty well supplied. It has been our practice nearly from the commencement, to offer the Scriptures for sale at low prices; in order to induce a more general diffusion amongst Friends & others, which practice we think, is in some degree having the desired effect. They have generally been offered a little below cost, tho' in several cases varied (to Friends) according to circumstances: and a few Bibles & Testaments to some colored people within our limits. But we acknowledge that a more lively feeling in promoting a greater diffusion, and a more diligent & serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, would produce more beneficial effects than have been heretofore manifest amongst us."

One report says "we are induced to be-

lieve that many among us still continue to evince a lively interest in the concern, which gave rise to the formation of the Association, and are engaged to promote the objects of the parent Institution. Notwithstanding the field in which we are destined to labour is very extensive (being over 300 miles from East to West), we apprehend that much good has, and still more may be done by merely keeping on hand a supply of the Holy Scriptures, suitable for families & Schools of a durable kind. Our funds being limited we have not done much as yet towards furnishing destitute families, and individuals with the Holy Scriptures.

There are II families of Friends residing within our limits not duly supplied with a copy & about 405 members of our Society capable of reading the Bible, who do not own a copy of it The income of the Auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within our limits, with a copy of the Holy Scriptures who are not duly suppli

Another that "One family of Friends within our limits appears to be destitute of a copy of the Holy Scriptures: and about 400 members of our Society capable of reading the Bible, who do not own a copy. The income of the Auxiliar is insufficient to supply those within our limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures. Five dollars and twenty five cents is the amount of Annual subscription during the past year."

In conformity with the directions of the last Annual Meeting of the Association, the Managers purchased the lot and building at the corner of fourth street & Apple Tree Alley, for the stipulated price \$22.900, of which \$12.900 was paid and a mortgage given for the balance \$10.000. The Estate is held for the use of the Association by three Priends appointed Trustees for the purpose.

Towards meeting the payment for this mortgage, there exists the sinking fund, which

on the 2nd. of the 3rd. month last amounted to \$4,897.9I, chiefly invested in safe securities, tho! not immediately available.

In consequence of the embarrassed situation of the currency of the country and the depression attendant thereon, it was not deemed advisable to solicit subscriptions and donations to make up the deficiency of the funds to complete the entire payment for the property the same cause operated to prevent the use to a greater extent of the securities in which the sinking fund was invested. It is to be hoped a more favorable opportunity will occur for accomplishing these objects & enable the Managersto pay the debt and free the income for the purpose of distributing Bibles.

Although we have not any very great amount of business to report this year, we feel encouraged to look forward to a time of revival and greater usefulness. The Association is possessed of an eligible property, well rented, and not very heavily encumbered. They are also the owners of Stereotype Plates of excellent copies of Bibles & Testaments. The cause in which we have embarked is one of great importance. The benefit that may be conferred by spreading the Holy Scriptures in a proper manner is beyond estimation. Let us then continue our endeavours in this good work, that the treasures contained in those sacred

records may be more generally diffused.

By direction and on behalf of the Managers,
Philada. 4 Month II. 1840.
Benj. H. Warder,
Secretary.
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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

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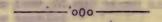
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TO THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.



The Board of Managers submit their twelfth Annual Report.

Since the last Report, there have been issued from the Depository II64 Bibles & 52I Testaments, of which number 235 Bibles and I52 Testaments; were sold to Auxiliaries.

An edition of I000 twelve mo. Testaments has been printed within the year and an edition of I000 copies of the 24 mo. Bible has been ordered to be printed and is under way.

The stock of books on hand consists of bound volums as follow, viz:

18 copies of the 8 vo. Bible without references.

7 " with

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28 " Testaments

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42 Copies of the 8 vo. Bible without references.

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From the Treasurers account it appears that including the balance on hand 4MO. I840 he has received \$2619.30, from the following sources, viz:

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Balance on hand 4MO. 3rd.1840 \$756.05
Recd. from Auxiliaries in payment 793.68
" ditto donations 65.00
" Sales of Bibles & Testaments 822.57
" Annual Subscriptions 132.00

Leaving in his hands 3MO.3I.184I a balance of 742.83

Reports have been recd. from nine Auxiliaries, viz: Philada., New York, Burlington, Concord, Cornwall, Westfield, White fick, Blue River and Haddonfield. Eight of these state that 498 Bibles and 389 Testaments have been distributed by them during the past year, some of which were gratuitously disposed of. A few of them give particular answers to the Queries.

From the Report of one Auxiliary we make the following extract "When opportunities have presented for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures in accordance with the original design of our Association, they have been supplied therewith but the situation of members of Society generally within our limits is such as to preclude the necessity of aid in this respect, little has therefore been done in the way of distribution since our last report. From the causes alluded to, it is obvious that our operations must necessarily be very much circumscribed within our limits, furnishing but little information to communicate, yet if we are impressed with a proper sense of the obligations we are under to a kind Providence for the many favours and blessings we enjoy, and th responsibility they devolve upon us, we shall cherish, a disposition to sympathise with our fellow members in less favoured circumstances, and be stimulated to persevere in aiding with benevolent and Christian work of placing in their hands copies of the sacred Scriptures.

We have transmitted during the past year Sixty Dolls, to the Bible Association of Friends in America for the purpose of furnishing Friends in destitute circumstances with copies of the Holy Scriptures."

One Auxiliary states that "We have but little to communicate, but we can say that we feel a lively interest in the good cause that yo have honourably embarked in, we desire your encouragement to persevere rightly in the good work. You are sensible dear friends that in country Quarterly Meetings Friends are widely scattered and cannot well meet in their Auxiliary oftener than once in 3 months, and our numbers are not large, and we have not the means of doing much, but have often felt thankful that we are favoured to participate with you in your honest endeavours to spread the Holy Scriptures believing it to be a work well pleasing in the Divine Sight."

Another reports that "The experience of each succeeding year serves to show the necessit of an Association constituted as ours is, from which the members of our Religious Society, and professors with us who are destitute of the Holy Scriptures, may obtain a supply, Our operations during the past year show that we have been engaged in this field of usefulness-"Although restrained by the limited amount of our neans yet the number of Bibles given by this Auxiliary has increased from year to year, and we cannot but desire that through the benevolence of our friends it may become proper for us, yet materially to enlarge our distribution. Individual cases of need, interesting to our feelings often occur which we are obliged to pass by, as well as the requests of charitable Schools suffering from an inadequate supply of Testaments or Bibles, feeling the obligation of keeping within the bounds of our income. We know that a perusal or even a critical investigation of the Holy Scriptures will not insure

our salvation now, any more than in would in the time when our Saviour informed the jews "Ye search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me, but ye will not come to me that ye might have life" yet being sensible of the beneficial results springing from a knowledge of their contents through faith in the Lord Jesus, we are desirous to distribute them to the extent of our means."

One states "In offering again our Annual Report, we feel that we have but little to communicate that will be either interesting or encouraging to the cause in which you have been, and in which we hope you will still continue to be so justly engaged. "Our Quarterly Meeting still continues small, being composed of only about 100 families, the most of which appear to be pretty well furnished with the Scriptures. And we believe that no family is entirely destitute, though several individuals capable of reading, remain yet unfurnished with separate copies."

Another reports that "Eighty families and individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures since the establishment of our Auxiliary, though none within the past year. Fourteen families of Friends within our limits appear to be destitute of the Holy Scriptures and about 305 members of our Society within our limits capable of reading the Bible who do not own a copy. The income of the Auxiliary is insufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures."

One mentions, that "there are now about 250 families within our limits all of which are furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures and most of them have a Rible with notes & references" Our Schools are pretty well furnished

with Bibles & Testaments."

The amount of the sinking fund on the Ist.

of the 3rd. month last was \$3,456 63/100, and the mortgage debt on the building at that date \$7,000.

It is the opinion of the Managers that there would be an advantage in having a smaller board and reducing the number required to transact its concerns, they therefore propose that the 6th. Article of the Constitution be amended by striking out "twenty four" and inserting "fifteen", and that the word "nine" in the 9th. Article be changed to "seven", and to make the constitution conform to the existing state of things that the word "Committee" in the 6th. Article be altered to "Managers" the latter being the title of the Executive Body and not a Committee as it was originally. Some Embarrass. ment has arisen in the mode prescribed in the 8th. Article respecting payments by the Treasurer to obviate which it is proposed to leave out these words "the number on which checks shall correspond with the number on the order."

Arrangements are in progress to supply several of the distant Auxiliaries, with Bibles for Gratuitous distribution to those who are destitute and require such aid, out of the funds placed at the disposal of the Managers for the purpose.

By direction and on behalf of the Managers.
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OF

THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE EIGHTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1842.

PHILADELPHIA:

Joseph Rakestraw, printer, bible depository building, no. 50 north fourth street.

1842.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Board of Managers present their thirteenth Annual Report.

Since last Report, there have been issued from the Depository, 1136 Bibles and 621 Testaments; of which 285 Bibles and 143 Testaments were sold to auxiliaries; 60 Bibles and 46 Testaments sent to auxiliaries on sale; and 159 Bibles and 142 Testaments furnished auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution among Friends in indigent circumstances. Several auxiliaries with whom Bibles and Testaments have been deposited on sale, were authorised to draw from the stock on hand, and distribute as above to a specified amount.

An edition of 1000 copies of the 24mo. Bible in press a year ago, has been finished; also 2000 copies of the 12mo. Testament have been printed within the year; and an edition of 1000 copies of the Reference Bible is now in progress, and will soon be completed. Previous to putting these editions to press, the Stereotype plates were carefully examined, corrected and repaired. It is anticipated, that the great improvement in the appearance of the paper, and in the printing of our late editions, both of the Bible and of the New Testament, will induce a more extended sale, as well as make them more acceptable to the recipients, when distributed gratuitously.

The stock of books on hand the 1st instant, was as follows, viz:-

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49 copies of the 8vo Bible without references, 133 " " with " 444 " 24mo " bound.
430 " " Testament, 74 " 12mo "
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The Treasurer's Account shows, that including the balance in his hands at last settlement, he has received \$2816.06, from the following sources, viz:—

Balance on hand t	hird mo. 31st,	1842,		\$ 742.83
Rec'd from auxilia	ary Associatio	ns, on acc't.	\$ 569.67	
Do.	do.	donations,	82.50	
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				2073.23
				\$ 2816.06
The payments am	ount to \$ 251	9.33, viz:		1-
Salary to Agent,			\$ 250.00	
For Paper,			1127.05	
Two years' Insura	nce on Paper	Books, &c.	52.00	
Miscellaneous exp	enses,		68.17	
Binding,			632.14	
Repairing Stereot	ype Plates, .		129.17	
Printing,			260.80	
				2519.33
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				\$ 2816.06

Reports have been received from ten auxiliaries, viz: Philadelphia, New York, Purchase, Cornwall, Concord, Haddonfield, Blue River, White Lick, Westfield, and Duanesburg. They do not all give distinct answers to the queries, but from such as do, it appears that about 223 Bibles and 95

Testaments, have been distributed by them during the past year; most of which were gratuitously disposed of.

One report mentions, that "the wants of all applicants are promptly supplied."

Another, that "There is no family of Friends within our limits, that have not a Bible; but there are many families that do not possess a copy for each of its members."

One says, "We feel grateful that it has been in our power to be in some measure useful in aiding in spreading the Holy Scriptures, and of bringing to the dwellings of the destitute of our own religious Society, this precious book. There are three or four families not duly supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures; at least fifty members capable of reading, that do not own a copy. The income of the auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within its limits, who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures."

One auxiliary states, "When opportunities have presented for the gratuitous distribution of the Holy Scriptures in accordance with the original design of our Association, they have been embraced. Little has been done in the way of distribution since our last report, in consequence of the members of Society within our limits, being so situated as to preclude the necessity of aid in this respect. Notwithstanding we have been enabled to do but little in relation to distributing the Holy Scriptures, owing to causes above alluded to, yet we entertain a hope, that the important objects for which the parent Association, as well as this auxiliary were formed, are advancing. If we properly appreciate the manifold blessings so liberally bestowed upon us by a bountiful Creator, we shall be impressed with a sense of the responsibility that rests upon us, and be prepared to sympathize with our fellow members who are less favoured, and thereby stimulated to persevere in aiding in the benevolent and Christian work, of placing within their reach, copies of the Holy Scriptures."

The following is an extract from one of the reports: "In attempting to offer you our annual report, we fear that we shall not be able to give you much encouragement in, as we conceive, your very laudable object. We are sorry to say, that our members of this auxiliary are decreasing, instead of increasing. It is painful to behold so many of our friends, who are in affluent circumstances, so backward in contributing to the object of the diffusing the beneficial reading of the Holv Scriptures. Our number of members consists of only eleven at present; we feel almost discouraged when convened in our small meetings for the purpose of the concerns of our auxiliary, but we are encouraged to perseverance, by the evidence that the concern is owned by the great Head of the Church. We believe that each family of Friends, and the schools within our limits are pretty well supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures; though a large number of our youth, perhaps 250, who are capable of reading them, are not supplied."

From another: "Eight families of Friends not duly supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, and about 300 capable of reading the Bible, who do not own a copy. The income of the auxiliary is insufficient to supply those within its limits, who are not duly supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures,"

One report says, "We believe there is no family of Friends amongst us, destitute of the Holy Scriptures; and although there is a considerable number of our children capable of reading, who do not own a separate copy; yet we believe there are none but what have free access to them."

Another: "Although the smallness of our means prevents our doing much; yet we believe if we are rightly engaged therein, we shall still find opportunities for usefulness, sufficient to keep alive our interest in the work. We therefore desire, that our auxiliary may yet continue quietly but faithfully to discharge the duties devolving upon it." *

^{*} Since the foregoing Report was adopted, a communication has been received from another Auxiliary, by which it appears, that there are with-

Four thousand Dollars has been paid on account of the mortgage on the Real Estate of the Association; leaving \$3.000 due thereon at the close of the year 1841. The Sinking fund at that time, amounted to \$468.88.

We have received official information, that the late Joseph Ely of Philadelphia, has bequeathed \$1.000 to the Association, to be paid on the decease of his widow.

The Managers cannot conclude their report, without offering a word of encouragement to those in remote situations, who may find few disposed to co-operate in the important service which devolves upon the members of the auxiliary Associations. May such be afresh engaged, affectionately to set before Friends in their respective neighbourhoods, the responsibility

in it limits, comprising 380 families, 692 individuals, including twelve families not supplied with the Holy Scriptures. It is proper to remark here, that the *individuals* spoken of as not supplied, are generally children and young persons; a large proportion, or perhaps nearly all of whom, reside in families where there are Bibles, and of course have ready access to the sacred volume, though they do not themselves own a copy. It has been the desire of the Association, that *every* person, young and old, who can read, should possess a copy of the sacred volume; and the statements above alluded to, are made in answer to a query put forth by the Association, with a view of turning the attention of the Auxiliaries to this class, many of whom are apprentices or boarders in Friends' families.

In looking back, over the Reports forwarded in former years, it is pleasant to observe, that the deficiencies reported have greatly diminished, notwithstanding the rapid increase of the Society in remote settlements where books are scarce and costly. We trust that Friends everywhere, will be animated by these favourable results, with fresh interest and zeal in this work, to make a thorough search into the condition of the members of every meeting, especially among the obscure and straitened, and take the requisite measures to secure a full supply of Bibles for all. In this labour of love, opportunities may offer to encourage the daily and serious vocal reading of the Holy Scriptures in families, with a suitable silent pause before and after; a practice which has been blessed to many, and which it is hoped Friends will be engaged to promote by their example as well as advice.

of their standing, and how much they owe to each other, and especially to the youth, in this respect. "From a child," says the Apostle, in writing to his beloved Timothy, "thou hast known the Holy Scriptures;" and how many have had in after life to acknowledge as a blessing, an early and intimate acquaintance with the contents of the sacred volume. Things that were written aforetime, were written for our learning and admonition, that we "through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." How precious is the feeling, when the saving truths they record are opened to the mind, by Him whose love warmed the hearts of his humble and sorrowing disciples in primitive days, as He walked with them by the way, and opened to them the Scriptures.

We believe the labours of this Association have been the means of good to many, and that with suitable efforts, it is capable, under the Divine blessing, of much more extensive usefulness.

In referring to that portion of the younger members of Society who are not individually supplied with copies of the Holy Scriptures, we desire that no proper effort may be wanting on our part, to supply this deficiency; but that Friends may faithfully endeavour, in their families and neighbourhoods, to promote the diffusion and daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, "which are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Managers.

JOHN CARTER, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth month 13th, 1842.

Prices of Bibles and Testaments.

			Size of Bible or Test.	No. of Bible.	No. of Vols.	How Bound.	Price to Auxiliaries, Subscribers & B'ksellers	Retail Price.
Common Bible	without	Reference			l vol.	Best sheep	1 75	2 00
Do.	d	0.	24mo.	No. 2	I vol.	do.	75	75
Fine Bible, wi	th Ref., F	am. Recor	d,			-		
		oncordano		No. 4	1 vol.	do.	2 00	2 25
Do.	do.	do.	1 "		2 vols.		2 50	2 75
Do.	do.	do_	44		3 vols.		3 00	3 25
Do.	do.	do.	44		I vol.			2 75
Do.	do.	do.	66		2 vols.		3 50	3 75
Do.	do.	do.	CL.		3 vols.		4 50	4 75
Do. wit	hout Refe	rences, &	c., 24mo.			Best shp., raised bands		1 00
Do.	do.			do.	I vol.	Calf embossed	2 50	2 50
Do.	do.		66	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt edges	3 00	3 00
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	Index	& Concor	d. 8vo.	No. 8	1 vol.	Calf	6 25	6 25
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Do.	do.	do.	66	do.	3 vols.	do.	8 00	8 00
Do.	do.	do.	66	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	5 00	5 00
Common Testa	ament, -		12mo.			Best sheep	50	60
Do.			- 66			Half bound	371	44
Do.			24mo.			In skiver	25	25
Fine Testame	nt		66			do.	311	311
Do.			66			Best shp., raised bands	50	50
Do.			16			Calf embossed	1 00	1 00
Do.			66			do. do. & gill edges	1 25	1 25
Do.			66			Pocket-book form	1 00	1 00



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TO THE.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS

IN AMERICA.

The Board of Managers submit the following

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nnual Report

Since the first of the fourth month 1842 here have been issued from the Depository, 580 ibles & 347 Testaments; of which IO2 Bibles & 68 Testaments were sold to Auxiliaries & 24 ibles & 28 Testaments were furnished Auxiliaries or gratuitous distribution among Friends in inigent circumstances.

An edition of I000 copies of the Reference ible in press a year ago, has been finished. One f 2,000 of the I2 mo. Testament has been prined & one of 2,000 of the 24 mo. Bible & 500 of he 24 mO. Testament is in progress & nearly com-

leted.

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The Treasurers account shows the following, viz:

Receipts.

Balance on hand 4MO.I3.I842 \$296.73

Recd. from Auxiliary Asso.on a/c 3I9.52

do donation I6.00

Annual Subscriptions II4.00

Loans 700.00

Sales Bibles&Testaments 639.29 I788.81

Bibles&Testaments 639,29 1788,81 2085.54

Payments.

Salary to Agent 375.00
For Paper 512.40
Printing 214.75
Insurance on Paper Books etc. 26.00
Binding etc. 233.83
Miscellaneous expenses 50.16
On account of loan 400.00

I812.14
Balance due the Association 4M0.10.1843. 273.40
2085.54

Reports have been received from I3 Auxiliaries, viz: Philadelphia, New York, Cornwall, & Purchase, N. Y., Concord, Pa., Burlington & Haddonfield, N. J., Western, Spiceland, White Water White Lick, Westfield & Blue River, Indiana. But few, give such information, as to enable us to state how many Bibles & Testaments have been distributed by them during the year; though it would seem, there have been at least I49 Bibles & 79 Testaments, mostly disposed of gratuitously.

The Reports are generally destitute of interesting matter. One Auxiliary has been discortinued, the wants of friends within its limits having been supplied. Another is about closing its concerns. The principal items have been extracted and are as follows.

One Auxiliary states that "Although the members of our Religious Society within the limits of this Auxiliary are generally well supplied with the Holy Scriptures, yet fresh instances of

asionally still occur, when a copy is needed ven among these."

The following incident is from the Report of the female branch of one of the Auxiliaries.

. "A member of their Committee of Corresponlencehad recently taken a little girl from a
ery poor & destitute family in the Pine woods
ear the sea, not one of whom so much as knew the
Alphabet and this child appearing rather defiient in capacity. The girl was sent to School
or one quarter where she made rapid progress,
nd in this time learned to read, and returning
o her parents was furnished with a Bible. Our
riend having occasion afterwards to go to her
athers house found the whole family assembled,
agerly listening while this child read to them
rom her little Bible, those Gospel truths,
hich they were entirely shut out from hearing
hrough any other medium."

One Report states as follows "About 510 failies of Friends reside within our limits—

If the families of friends residing within our imits, are furnished with a copy of the Holy criptures as far as appears. There are about 50 members of our Society capable of reading the ible who do not own a copy of it. The income of ur Auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within our limits with a copy of the Holy Scripures who are not duly supplied."

Another states that there are "I2 families of friends not duly supplied with a copy of the loly Scriptures. About 350 (Individuals) capable of reading the Bible who do not own a copy. The notione of the Auxiliary is insufficient to supply hose within its limits who are not duly supplied ith a copy of the Holy Scriptures."

One Auxiliary says "We believe that most amilies of friends, and the Schools within our imits are pretty well supplied with a copy of ne Holy Scriptures, perhaps 3 or 4 newly settled not supplied as yet. Altho' a large number of ur youth who are capable of reading, perhaps 250 ho do not own a copy, tho' we believe there are

none but what may have free access to them in the families where they live."

The sinking fund for the redemption of the Depository amounted on the Ist. of Ist. MO: 1843 to I,775.57 estimating the securities at cost. At that date the debt due on account of the Estate was 3,000 dollars. In conclusion we would remind the Association, that in a short time this debt will probably be paid when the income of the Estate, amounting (even in these depressed times) to about I.200 dollars per annum, will be liberated & can be applied to the relief of those Auxiliaries that need assistance. It will, then, we trust be in the power of the Association to aid in supplying every individual member of the Society capable of reading & unable to purchase a Bible with a copy. We hope, therefore the Auxiliaries will not suffer discouragement to prevail: but continue to hold on their way amidst every trial and difficulty that may overtake them. It is obliged about to as the the little of theman could use the

By direction & on behalf of the Managers, ... John G. Hoskins,

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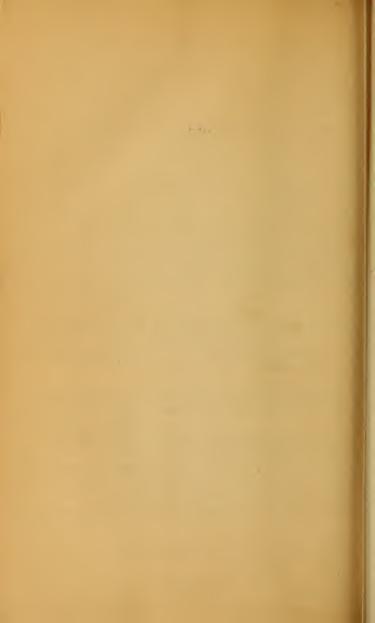
The Treasurers account with the following Certificate of the Committee appointed to set-

tle it was produced. I am a management

"Having examined the foregoing account of Henry Cope, Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America and compared it with his vouchers we find it correct, there being a balance in his hands on the Ioth. Instant due to the Association of Two hundred & seventy three 40/100 dollars."

Philadelphia, 4 Month IIth. 1843.

Benjamin H. Warder Uriah Hunt Adjourned



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE FIFTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1844.

PHILADELPHIA:

JOSEPH RAKESTRAW, PRINTER, APPLE-TREE ALLEY, SECOND DOOR ABOVE FOURTH STREET.

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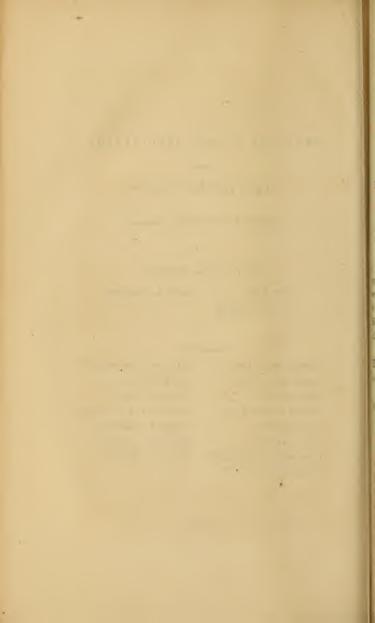
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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers submit their Annual Report:-

There have been issued from the Depository, for the year ending 4th mo. 1st, 1844—844 Bibles and 437 Testaments; of which 209 Bibles and 212 Testaments were sold to auxiliaries; 61 Bibles and 6 Testaments sent to auxiliaries on sale; and 52 Bibles and 13 Testaments furnished auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution among Friends in indigent circumstances.

An edition of 2000 of the 24mo. Bible and 500 of the 24mo. Testament, in the press a year ago, has been completed. One of 1500 of the Reference Bible is now in progress.

The stock of books on hand the 3rd inst., was as follows, viz:—

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22 copies of the 8vo. Bible, without references,
262
                 66
                    66
427
                24mo. "
                " Testaments,
428
     66
113
     66
                12mo. "
 137 copies of the 8vo. Bible without references,
                 " " with
300 "
1812
                24mo. "
                                            in sheets.
                 " Testaments,
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     66
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The Treasurer's account exhibits the following, viz:-

RECEIPTS

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Balance of account of late Treasurer,	. \$273 40
For sales of Bibles and Testaments, \$752 28	
Of Auxiliaries for do. 346 93	
Donation from an Auxiliary, 12 00	
Annual Subscriptions, 96 00	
Legacy of the late Nathaniel Smith, 1,070 31	
Six months' rent of building, less 645 00	
	2,922 52
	\$3,195 92
PAYMENTS.	
Printing,	
Binding, 460 49	
Paper, 835 20	
Agent's Salary, 300 00	
Incidental Expenses, 44 13	
Insurance,	
Loan discharged, 315 90	
Committee on real estate, to discharge 665 52 debt due on building,	
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Balance on hand 4th mo. 5th, 1844,	265 33
	\$3,195 92

Reports have been received from ten auxiliaries, viz:—Philadelphia, Burlington and Haddonfield, N. J., White Water, White Lick, Westfield, Blue River and Spiceland, Indiana; Ferrisburg, Vermont; Yonge street, Upper Canada.

From the information contained in these reports, it appears that about 115 Bibles and 215 Testaments have been disposed of by them the past year, chiefly gratuitously.

One report mentions, "that this auxiliary has sold and distributed 528 Bibles and 305 Testaments, since its commencement; of the Bibles 112 have been distributed gratuitously; 65 of them on account of the Parent Institution, and 47 on account of this auxiliary; of the Testaments, 181 have been gratuitously distributed; 145 of them on account of the Parent Association, and 36 on account of this auxiliary. We have sold only 5 Reference Bibles, 7 School Bibles, and 9 Testaments, during the past year, and none have been distributed gratuitously."

"It ought to be remarked, that the above statement has reference entirely to the official acts of the auxiliary, whereas we believe that the existence of the Association, and the opportunities afforded by the presence of beautiful editions of its books, have been the occasion of many individuals furnishing their children and others gratuitously, of which the Association has no report." "Further, that the action of our Yearly Meeting and Monthly Meetings in the case of supply, has been such, for many years past, as almost to supercede the necessity of much inquiry by the auxiliary, it being the advice of our Yearly Meeting that Monthly Meetings should see that all their families are supplied with a copy. This accounts in part for the limited extent of our operations. We hope to use greater exertions in time to come, to draw the attention of Friends to our publications, so as to promote a larger sale of them; and to induce the purchases to be made much more generally than they have been for some time past from our stock."

"We have 20 members belonging to our auxiliary, and estimate the number of families within our bounds at about 275, at the present time. We think there are no families of Friends in our limits destitute of the Scriptures. The number of members of our Society capable of reading, including children, not supplied each with a separate copy, may be estimated at an average of one for each family, or 275. The income of our

auxiliary will probably be sufficient to supply all destitute Friends not in circumstances to supply themselves, and who may not be supplied otherwise."

"Although our operations have been very small, yet we look with satisfaction to the little we have done, and feel prompted to increased exertions for the future."

"In addition to what our auxiliary has done, we remember with gratitude, the valuable donation of Scriptures made by English Friends to the members of our Yearly Meeting, and that the number of copies was very largely increased by the existence of, and facilities afforded by the Parent Institution."

One of the auxiliaries says, "Six families of Friends are reported as being destitute of a copy of the Holy Scriptures. About 351 [members] capable of reading the Bible, who do not own a copy. The income of the auxiliary is insufficient to supply those within its limits, who are not duly supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures."

*Another states, "There are within the verge of this auxiliary 1176 members of our Society capable of reading. Of this number there are 588 who do not possess a copy of the Scriptures exclusively their own. The income of the auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within our limits who do not possess a copy of the Holy Scriptures."

An auxiliary which had suspended holding meetings for some time past, has resumed them and held a quarterly meeting in the First month last. The Corresponding Committee acting on behalf of the auxiliary, says, "We believe every family within our limits is supplied with one or more copies of the Holy Scriptures." "There are 80 members over the age of 16 years who do not own a copy, but many of them are fur-

^{*} It may be proper to remark, that when individuals are mentioned as not supplied, they are generally children and young persons; a large proportion or perhaps nearly all of whom, reside in families where there are Bibles, and of course have access to them, though they do not themselves own a copy.

nished with a copy of the New Testament." "The income of the auxiliary is not sufficient to supply those within our limits who are not duly furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures."

A Friend on behalf of an auxiliary writes: "The Bibles that were sent here for distribution, are all distributed, I think to good advantage, and were thankfully received by those on whom we bestowed them;—there is room for some more; when it is thought proper to send them they will be attended to."

An auxiliary remarks, concerning its gratuitous distribution thus: "Limited as our operations have been, it is satisfactory to believe that these gifts have been in most cases peculiarly acceptable and useful."

Another states in its report as follows, viz: "This auxiliary since its establishment, has disposed of 359 Bibles and 218 Testaments. Of these, during the past year, 4 Bibles and 3 Testaments have been sold, and 14 Bibles and 23 Testaments have been gratuitously distributed. In those gratuitously distributed, are included one large Bible, placed in the parlor of a hotel conducted on temperance principles, where many persons of both sexes congregate to wait for the arrival and departure of the cars; and 20 small Testaments presented as class books to the School for Coloured Children in this place."

In a communication by direction of an auxiliary, it is stated, "We are authorized to inform you, that owing to our weak situation, we feel ourselves unable to keep up our Association in its full form at present, and consequently we have not forwarded the customary answers [to the queries] addressed to auxiliaries, yet we still feel willing to act as an agent for you in selling, or otherwise disposing of Bibles and Testaments within our limits."

Another auxiliary says, "Although the smallness of our means prevents our doing much, yet we believe if we are rightly engaged, we shall still find opportunities for usefulness, sufficient to keep alive our interest in this laudable work. We believe

each family of Friends within our limits is furnished with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, though a considerable number of young Friends capable of reading are destitute of them."

It is evident from these extracts that there is in some places a considerable want of the Holy Scriptures, in order that each member of our Society, capable of reading, should be possessed of a copy, and it is probable that the same deficiency exists in other parts of the country, from which we have no reports.

Since the last annual report there has been received from Joseph S. Shotwell, executor of the late Nathaniel Smith, of Flushing, Long Island, one thousand and seventy dollars and thirty-one cents, being the share of the Bible Association in the residuary estate bequeathed by him.

The mortgage debt of \$3,000, which remained at the date of the last report, has been since paid; this will enable the managers to apply the net income of the Depository building towards the distribution of Bibles and Testaments among such of their fellow members, professors and others, as may stand in need of such assistance, and in a greater degree extend the usefulness of the Association, in conformity with the original design in forming it; and which is so well set forth in the first annual report, that the managers now, after a lapse of 14 years, cannot perhaps do better than to adopt and confirm it.

"In contemplating the future operations of the Bible Association, they think they perceive a wide field for useful labour. It is not merely the destitute of our own flock to whom we owe the duty of thus supplying them with the Holy Scriptures—next in the order of their claims, are those descendants of Friends who have lost their right of membership, but who frequent our meetings, and rank themselves as professors of the same faith with us. They retain in many instances their attachment to the Society; and we have no doubt there will be found among the poorer classes of these a greater deficiency in the supply, and of inability to purchase the Bible, than among our own

members. Nor are the duties of Christian charity limited to the circle of our own members and professors. The poor and the destitute who are thrown more immediately upon our own care and notice, whatever may be their name to religion, will also claim our sympathy. And we cannot doubt that upon all who labour with honest and humble intentions, to spread in any degree a knowledge of the Gospel of our holy Redeemer, a blessing will rest, and that in the good of which they may become the instruments, they will be more than rewarded for their exertions by the sweet incomes of peace to their own minds."

The managers trust it may be allowable to express the satisfaction that is felt at the favourable condition of the affairs of the Association. Possessed of a valuable real estate, which furnishes ample accommodation for the transaction of its business, and also yields a considerable income; having likewise a stock in stereotype plates, books, &c., and being free from debt, the way seems clearly open to apply its means [in the language of the third annual report] "to the gratuitous distribution of the Bible, and to give that permanency and security to the operations of the Institution, which under the divine blessing, cannot fail to be beneficially felt."

As few of the auxiliaries have returned the desired answers, we deem it proper to call the attention of the members to the queries and rules attached, published in the "Friend," 2nd mo-10th, 1844, and now annexed to this report. The present may be the proper time to enforce the propriety of prompt attention thereto, both as respects the auxiliaries already formed, and such as may hereafter be organized. Let it be remembered that the parent Association is now prepared to extend the gratuitous circulation of the Scriptures, and upon the information received from its branches, must in great measure depend its ability to make a judicious application of the means entrusted to its care. We would therefore suggest, that instead of wait-

ing until the termination of another year, auxiliaries should at once make full and detailed reports of their wants and condition to the Board of Managers.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

SAMUEL BETTLE, Jr., Clerk pro tem.

Philadelphia, Fourth mo. 11th, 1844.

QUERIES.

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Association, since its establishment; and how many during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Association, since its commencement; and how many within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Association; and what number of families of Friends reside within its limits?
- 4. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures; and if so, how many?
- 5. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own a copy?
- 6. How many Bibles or Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale or to Friends within your limits?
- 7. Is the income of the auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?
- 8. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously, so as to enable the auxiliary to supply each family, and each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "—— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

BULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3d. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly Meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited;

the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

Sth. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association
New York, New York,	do.
Scipio, do.	do.
Farmington, do.	do.
Cornwall, do.	do.
Duanesburg, do.	do.
Purchase, do.	do.
Saratoga, do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks, do.	do.
Red Stone, do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.	do.
New Garden, N. C.	do.
Deep River, do.	do.
Southern, do.	do.
Eastern, do.	do.
Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
Miami, do.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Alum Creek do.	do.
Centre, do.	do.
New-Garden, Indiana,	do.
Blue River, do.	do.
White Water, do.	do
White Lick, do.	do.
Westfield, do.	do.
Springfield, do.	do.
Western, do.	do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,'

known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to George W. Taylor, Agent.

Prices of Bibles and Testaments.

	Size of Bible or Test.	No. of Bible	No. of Vola	How Bound.	Price to Auxiliaries, Subscribers & B'assiers	Retai
Common Bible, without Reference	a Svo.	No. 1	l vol.	Best sheep	1 50	1 50
Do. do.	24mo.			do.	75	75
Fine Bible, with Ref., Fam. Recor						
Index & Concordance	e. 8vo.	No. 4	1 vol.	do.	1 75	2 00
Do. do. do.	- 41	do.	2 vols.	do.	2 25	2 50
Do. do. do	64	do.	3 vols.	do.	2 75	3 00
Do. do. do.	- 11	No. 5	1 vol.	Calf	2 95	2 50
Do. do. do.	14	do.	2 vols.	do.	3 25	3 50
Do. do. do.	- en		3 vols.		4 25	4 50
Do. without References, &	24mo.	No. 6	1 vol.	Bast shp., raised bands	3 00	1 00
Do. do.	- 0.5	do,	1 vol.	Calf embossed	2 00	2 00
Do. do.	111	do.	I vol.	do. do. & grit edges	2 50	2 50
Superfine Bible, with Ref., F. Rec	2.,				1	
Index & Concor	d. 8vo.	No. 8	I vol.	Calf	5 25	5 25
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Do. do. do.	10	do.	3 vols.	do.	7 (10	7 00
Do. do. do.	68	do.	2 vols.		4.00	4 00
Common Testament	12mo.			Best sheep	50	60
Do. • • •	14			Helf bound	371	44
Do. • • •	24mo.			In skieer	25	25
Fine Testament,	84			Best shp., raused bands	40	40
Do	00			Calf emborsed	1 00	1 00
Do	68			do. do & gill edges	1 25	1 25
Do	44			Pocket book form	1 00	1 00

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE TWENTY-FIRST OF FOURTH MONTH, 1845.

PHILADELPHIA:

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ISAAC DAVIS.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers submit the following Report of their proceedings during the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository, for the year ending 4th mo. 1st, 1845—2618 Bibles, and 844 Testaments; of which 230 Bibles and 138 Testaments were sold to auxiliaries; 56 Bibles and 50 Testaments sent to auxiliaries on sale;—636 Bibles and 417 Testaments have been gratuitously disposed of; of this number, 316 Bibles and 352 Testaments were furnished auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution to Friends in indigent circumstances, or for sale at low prices at their option. From this account it appears there has been an increase of issues from the Depository, over the previous year, of 1774 Bibles and 377 Testaments.

Since last Report an edition of 1500 of the Reference Bible, then in press, has been completed, and another edition of 1000 copies of the same Bible has been printed; also 2500 24mo. Testaments, to be sold at the low prices of 10 cents per copy, bound in muslin, and 12½ cents in sheep. An edition of 2000 of the 24mo. Bible is in progress.

The stock of books on hand the 1st inst., was as follows, viz:—

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last account,	\$265	33
Legacy of Daniel Carlisle, 848 75		
For sales of Bibles and Testaments, 1,332 14		
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Annual Subscriptions, 78 00		
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Nine months' rent of that portion of the building not occupied by the Association, \$963 13—less taxes \$148 05, Water Rent \$20, Repairs \$89 86=257 91.		
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During the past year two new auxiliaries have been recognised, both within the limits of Ohio Yearly Meeting. One at Flushing, the other at Fairfield.

Reports have been received from fourteen auxiliaries, viz:—Philadelphia; Burlington, and Haddonfield, N. J.; Yonge street, Upper Canada; Vassalborough, Maine; Fairfield, Flushing, and Alum Creek, Ohio; White Water, Springfield, White Lick, Western, Westfield and Blue River, Indiana.

From these Reports—several of which are more in detail than usual—it appears that they have distributed during the past year, about 393 Bibles and 271 Testaments; being 278 Bibles and 56 Testaments more than were reported as distributed the previous year;—most of them were gratuitously disposed of.

There are 21 families reported as destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and about 3000 individuals capable of

reading, who do not own a copy, although most of them reside in families where they have access to the Bible.

A number of the auxiliaries, within whose limits much want of Bibles and Testaments is known to exist, do not state how many copies would be required, to supply those individuals capable of reading, who are unable to purchase. From other reports which give more definite accounts, we are informed that more than 1000 volumes would be needed to supply the wants now ascertained within their borders.

It appears from the reports of the auxiliaries, as well as from information the managers have received from other sources, that much want of good copies of the Holy Scriptures yet exists among Friends in various parts of our country; and they would again affectionately, yet earnestly press upon the minds of Friends in the different Yearly Meetings, the consideration of the duty that devolves upon them, in endeavouring to acquaint themselves with the situation of their fellow members, in their respective neighbourhoods; and we believe our women Friends might usefully participate more extensively than they have yet done, in this interesting service. Much of this labour must necessarily be performed by the different auxiliaries; and as the Parent Association is now possessed of an income, which will enable it to extend more widely than heretofore the gratuitous distribution of the Scriptures, among those who are destitute of them, we feel desirous that some of the auxiliaries, which for a long time appear almost entirely to have suspended their operations, may be encouraged

to renewed exertions in the good work in which they were formerly engaged.

One of the primary objects of our Association, which is of much importance, was that every member of our religious Society who is capable of reading, might be furnished with a copy of the Bible; thereby aiding our fellow members in their endeavours to comply with the requisition of the Discipline, "to bring up those under their direction in frequently reading the Holy Scriptures;" and we hope Friends will not relax in their efforts until this desirable object is accomplished.

One Auxiliary states in its Report, "We believe that much good has arisen to Friends and others within our limits, through our feeble endeavours to promote the circulation of good and durable copies of the Holy Scriptures; and in many instances we have been enabled to supply those who were not able to furnish themselves with a copy of the Bible or Testament; but notwithstanding what has been done, there is still a large number of our Society not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Yet it is proper to observe, that these are mostly young Friends, who reside with their parents, or in families where the Bible is possessed by the family, to which they have free access; but not owning a copy of their own, they are reported as destitute; yet this number is sensibly decreasing, as parents are becoming more concerned on the subject, and are supplying their children with copies exclusively their own."

Another, within whose limits there are 220 families

of Friends, informs, "there are about 320 individuals who do not own a copy of the Bible, of which number 150 are not able at present to furnish themselves; and this Auxiliary being so small, is not able to do much, the income not being sufficient to supply the deficiences. Probably about 400 Reference Bibles might be sold to Friends and others, and gratuitously disposed of to Friends."

Another states: "There are 73 members of our religious Society capable of reading, who do not own a copy of the Bible, and our income is not sufficient to supply them."

Another informs: "There are 480 Friends within our limits capable of reading, who do not own a copy of the Scriptures, and our income is insufficient to supply them."

Another states: "Although our operations have been very small, yet we look with satisfaction to the little we have done, and feel prompted to increased exertions for the future. In addition to what our Auxiliary has done, we acknowledge with thankfulness, the valuable donations of Scriptures afforded us by the Parent Institution, all of which have been distributed, and yet there is a great lack within our limits, as will appear by our answers to the queries."

An Auxiliary which has lately been established, mentions: "Owing to our recent organization, we have not yet arrived at anything like an accurate knowledge of the want of Bibles and Testaments in families, &c.,

of our respective neighbourhoods, yet we feel authorized to say, that the deficiency is not small."

Another informs: "We are at a loss to say how many of the destitute are unable to supply themselves, yet we believe the number to be very considerable."

Another mentions: "We have 52 members, male and female belonging to the Auxiliary, and 120 families of Friends residing within our limits. We very acceptably received the Reference Bibles furnished gratuitously, by the Parent Association, for which we have found suitable and grateful recipients. 156 individuals are reported to be unsupplied with the Holy Scriptures; we believe four-fifths of them are not well able to supply themselves, and the income of our Association is very inadequate."

Another states: "Our limits embrace many members and descendants of members, scattered over a large territory, which renders it a difficult task to give definite answers to all the queries, and opens a wide field for useful labour in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. Whilst we would acknowledge a remissness in our operations for some time past, we believe it safe now to say, that Friends here are turning their attention with increased interest to the promotion of the objects of the Parent Association."

Another Auxiliary thus concludes its Report: "In presenting the foregoing proceedings of this Auxiliary for the past year, we think there is abundant cause for encouragement, not only in the number of copies of the Scriptures which have been distributed, but also from

the disposition which has been made of some of them;" expressing a feeling of gratitude, that the means are thus at their disposal, to furnish those with a copy of the Sacred Writings who were unable to procure them.

A review of the proceedings of the Auxiliary Associations, as developed in their reports for the past year, is encouraging, as furnishing a gratifying evidence of a continued interest in the important and primary objects of the Association. They are also interesting, as exhibiting present wants, which with the future demand naturally to be anticipated, will require the income and labour of many years to supply.

During the past year we have received from the executors of our friend Daniel Carlisle, the net amount of a legacy of fifty dollars; and have also been informed by the executors of our late friend and fellow-manager, John Paul, that he has bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of the Bible Association, payable at the decease of his widow.

In surrendering the trust confided to them, the managers believe it proper again to advert to the subject of the formation of new Auxiliaries. Upon the labours of Auxiliary Associations the future usefulness of our Institution must, under the Divine blessing, in great measure depend. Upon them the managers must mainly rely for the necessary information respecting the wants of Friends within their respective limits, to enable them to make a judicious appropriation of the means at their command. They are aware that in many places where Auxiliaries have not yet been established, and much de-

ficiency is known to exist, the labour incident to their formation, and required for conducting properly their operations, might at the commencement devolve upon a few individuals; yet we cannot but believe, if the minds of these were sufficiently impressed with the importance of the work, and of the benefits which may be experienced from the general diffusion of a knowledge of the contents of the Sacred Volume, they would cheerfully devote a portion of their time and means to the performance of this Christian duty.

The managers believe they cannot better conclude their Report, than by a reference to the language quoted by the Authors of the Address issued upon the formation of our Association, "the substance of which," they observe, "is contained in the Discipline of all the Yearly Meetings."

"1732—We tenderly and earnestly advise and exhort all parents and masters of families, that they exert themselves in the wisdom of God, and in the strength of his love, to instruct their children and families in the doctrines and precepts of the Christian religion contained in the Holy Scriptures; and that they excite them to the diligent reading of those Sacred Writings, which plainly set forth the miraculous conception, birth, holy life, wonderful works, blessed example, meritorious death and glorious resurrection, ascension and mediation, of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and to educate their children in the belief of these important truths, as well as in the belief of the inward manifestation and operation of the Spirit of God on their own minds, that

they may reap the benefit and advantage thereof, for their own peace and everlasting happiness, which is infinitely preferable to all other considerations.

"We therefore exhort, in the most earnest manner, that they all be very careful in this respect; a neglect herein being in our judgment, very blameworthy."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 17th, 1845.

QUERIES.

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Association, since its establishment; and how many during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Association, since its commencement; and how many within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Association?
- 4. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures; and if so, how many?
- 5. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own a copy?
- 6. How many Bibles or Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale, or to Friends within your limits?
- 7. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to furnish a copy of the Bible to each family, and to each member of our religious Society, within your limits, capable of reading it, but not owning a copy, nor able to purchase one?
- 8. If not, what number of copies, if gratuitously furnished by the Bible Association, would enable the Auxiliary to supply such families and individuals?

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

BULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings.

members shall form a quorum.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited;

the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the acting committee; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member, ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

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Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association.
New York, New York,	do.
Scipio, do.	do.
Farmington, do.	do.
Cornwall, do.	do.
Duanesburg, do.	do.
Purchase, do.	do.
Saratoga, do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks, do.	do.
Red Stone, do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.,	do.
New Garden, N. C.	do.
Deep River, do.	do.
Southern, do.	do.
Eastern, do.	do.
Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
Miami, do.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Alum Creek do.	do.
Centre, do.	do.
Flushing, do.	do.
Fairfield, do.	do.
New Garden, Indiana,	do.
Blue River, do.	do.
White Water, do.	do.
White Lick, do.	do.
Westfield, do.	do.
Springfield, do.	do.
Western, do.	do.
Spiceland, do.	do.

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an institution in Philadelphia,

known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the treasurer for the time being of the said institution."

2. Form of a Derise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to George W. Taylor, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.
DEPOSITORY No. 50 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.
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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF

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READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE TWENTIETH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1846.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report of their proceedings during the past year.

There have been issued from the Depository, for the year ending 3rd mo. 31st, 1846—3194 Bibles, and 2255 Testaments; of which 397 Bibles and 721 Testaments were sold to Auxiliaries; 878 Bibles and 1103 Testaments have been gratuitously disposed of; of this number 755 Bibles and 940 Testaments were furnished to Auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution, or for sale at low prices, at their discretion. From the above account, it appears there has been an increase of issues from the Depository, over the previous year, of 576 Bibles and and 1411 Testaments.

Since last Report there have been printed two editions of 1000 copies each, of the Reference Bible; 2000 copies of the 24mo. Bible, and 500 copies of the 12mo. Testa-

ment and Psalms, to be bound together; a set of plates having been prepared for the Psalms, corresponding with our duodecimo Testament plates.

The stock of books on hand the 1st inst., was as follows, viz:

228	bound	copies of	the	8vo. Reference Bi	ble.
24	66	66		" School	6
335	66	66		24mo. "	16
808	66	44		" Testament.	
204	66	44		12mo. "	
1061	copies	in sheets,	oſ	the 8vo. Reference	Bible
41	66	66		" School	44
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1000	66	66		" Testament	
984	"	66		12mo. "	

The following is a summary of the Treasurer's account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last account,		8351 98
Sales of Bibles and Testaments,	\$2,327 71	
Rents of the Depository building,		
\$1,248 75—less taxes and re- pairs, \$236 80,	1,011 95	
Annual Subscriptions,	69 00	
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PAYMENTS.

Paper,	\$1,186 38
Printing,	641 77
Binding,	932 24
Stereotype plates for Psalms,	51 96
Packing Boxes,	19 81
Incidental expenses paid by Agent,	72 83
Salary of Agent,	400 00
Expenses of renewal of trust of Estate on Fourth St. and Appletree Alley,	10 25
Insurance on books, paper, stereotype plates, &c., for seven years, from 12th mo. 24th, 1845,	156 00
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Balance on hand 4th mo. 6th, 1846,	836 27
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During the past year we have received information of the establishment of two new Auxiliaries, both within the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting. One in Hamilton county, Indiana, the other at Salem, Iowa Territory.

Reports have been received from sixteen Auxiliaries, viz:—Philadelphia; Burlington, N. J.; Vassalborough, Maine; Fairfield; Flushing and Alum Creek, Ohio; White Lick, Hamilton, White Water, Springfield, Spiceland, Westfield, Western and Blue River, Indiana; Salem, Iowa Territory; and Yonge Street, Upper Canada.

It is mentioned in several of these Reports that a "considerable number" of Bibles and Testaments have been distributed during the past year, but the exact

amount is not stated; other Auxiliaries which give more definite information, report that they have distributed 509 Bibles and 558 Testaments; being 116 Bibles and 287 Testaments more than were reported as distributed the previous year.

There are 97 families reported as not duly supplied with copies of the Holy Scriptures, and upwards of 4000 individuals capable of reading, who do not possess a copy; most of them, however, have access to Bibles belonging to the families in which they reside.

One Auxiliary states in its Report, "We may inform you, notwithstanding our feeble efforts in this work of benevolence, our labours have been useful and satisfactory. We received the box of Bibles and Testaments you sent to us, which have been mostly distributed. Those gratuitously distributed, have been in particular thankfully received. A few copies have been sold to individuals not in membership with us. Many of the latter class alluded to, are turning their attention towards furnishing their families and schools with those Bibles and Testaments manufactured by Friends, believing they are the cheapest and most durable they can get. We still feel prompted to further exertions in the cause, believing that there is yet a great lack of these inestimable writings within our vicinity. Although the smallness of our means prevents our doing much, yet we believe if we are rightly engaged, we shall still find opportunity for usefulness."

Another mentions: "With feelings of gratitude we acknowledge the receipt of a valuable donation of Bibles

and Testaments from the Parent Association the past year, which were put in the hands of committees to dispose of according to the instructions sent, and probably more has been done than would appear from our report. We hope that our Auxiliary may yet be stimulated to greater exertions in the performance of the duties assigned it."

Another informs: "Although our number is small, yet we feel encouraged to persevere, believing that the Auxiliary has been a great benefit, and we trust we may say, a great blessing to the members of this Quarterly Meeting; and it is with feelings of gratitude we express our obligation to you for the assistance you have rendered us from time to time, in enabling us to furnish our destitute members with such excellent copies of these invaluable writings; and while we desire your encouragement, we also desire that a blessing may attend the labours of all Friends who are engaged in this important work."

Another states: "The very handsome and acceptable present of Bibles and Testaments furnished by the Parent Association since last year, has all been gratuitously distributed, and generally received with gratitude. We believe most of the families not furnished with a complete copy of the Holy Scriptures, are not well able to supply themselves, and the income of our Auxiliary is quite inadequate."

Another Auxiliary in concluding its report, says: "From the foregoing representation of our condition, exhibiting our feeble efforts and the many existing defi-

ciencies, it is apparent that a wide field of useful labour is open to the comparatively few, who have come forward to aid in promoting the benevolent designs of the Parent Association."

Another concludes thus: "In taking a retrospect of the labours of the Auxiliary Association during the past year, it appears that the amount of distribution has been greater than that of several preceding ones. Although our own members are generally supplied with the Scriptures of Truth, very many others must constantly be met with, if due inquiry is made, who will be glad to receive all we may have to distribute; and if we duly appreciate the benefit which has resulted from the perusal of the Sacred Volume, as opened to the understandings of the humble seekers after Divine truth, we shall not be disposed to lessen our efforts in spreading this inestimable volume."

From the report of another Auxiliary we quote the following: "We embrace this opportunity of calling the attention of the members of this Auxiliary to the vast importance of the object we have in view, and the responsibility which rests upon them as members of an Association of this character, the aim of which is, according to the Constitution, "to encourage the frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents." They would press the query close home to every member, Am I to the best of my ability, endeavouring to promote the objects of the Auxiliary? We would carnestly exhort every member to renewed

exertion, and encourage others to become interested, believing that abundant good has been effected by the blessing of Providence, through the agency of this Association; and knowing that there is an urgent necessity for more active exertion, seeing that we have an extensive field in which to labour."

Another states: "Although we are situated in a very remote section, as regards the great body of the Society of Friends, we do not on that account feel ourselves cast out from their regard or notice. The number of members belonging to this Auxiliary is yet very small, and the number of members of the Society of Friends within our limits is large, and they are very widely scattered, which makes it difficult for us to render an accurate account to the Parent Association. There are many within our borders who are not able to supply themselves and families with a suitable number of copies of the Holy Scriptures, and the income of this Association is very inadequate."

Another mentions: "Again we submit to you our Annual Report, showing about the situation of the concern among us, together with the extent of our labours therein during the past year. And notwithstanding there are many Friends among us who do not manifest that interest in the concern which we think its importance deserves; yet there are many others who appear quite alive in the concern, and by whose co-operation through the Auxiliary with the Parent Association, much good may arise to Friends and others within our limits."

Another states: "We feel encouraged to persevere

in what we believe to be a good cause, that of distributing the Holy Scriptures. Our Auxiliary has increased some the past year, which is some encouragement, and we desire that Friends may become more and more concerned to aid in so laudable a work."

Another remarks: "In again forwarding our Annual Report, we are under the necessity of exhibiting considerable deficiency in a full supply of the Holy Scriptures to all our members who are capable of reading them; yet we feel encouraged in the belief that there is an increasing concern amongst Friends to furnish their children with a copy as soon as they are capable of reading it, and we humbly hope that there is, and may be an increasing concern amongst Friends generally, not only to read them themselves, but to encourage their children to the diligent perusal of them, with minds devoutly turned to their great Author."

In reviewing the proceedings of the past year, the managers feel gratified that they have been enabled to supply some of the deficiencies existing, particularly in remote districts. From the reports now received from different Auxiliaries, it is evident that Friends in many sections of our country, are not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures. A single copy, of inconvenient size and badly printed, is frequently the only one possessed by a large family. One of the particular objects of our Association was to publish a portable octavo Bible, printed with large type and on fine paper, as a substitute for the kind we have alluded to, which we believe has been satisfactorily accomplished;

and we are desirous that not only every family belonging to our religious Society, but every member capable of reading may possess a copy.

Although the subject of the formation of new Auxiliaries, has frequently been adverted to in former Reports, we would again invite the attention of Friends in neighbourhoods where none have yet been established, to consider the duty they owe to their fellow members, who may not be duly furnished with copies of the Holy Scriptures, in endeavouring to take measures to supply them. The most effective mode of ascertaining their wants in this respect, would be the formation of an Auxiliary to this Association, and we would renew the recommendation of the founders of this Institution, that an Auxiliary be formed "within the limits of every Quarterly Meeting throughout the continent."

It appears from the Reports of many of the Auxiliaries, that they have during the past year been engaged with commendable diligence, in endeavouring to perform the duties assigned them, and that many of our fellow-members have through their instrumentality been supplied with the Holy Scriptures; yet it is apparent that a wide field for labour still remains, and we would encourage them to persevere in the work.

The Auxiliary Associations being the executive branches of the Institution, the managers must continue to rely chiefly upon them for such information as will enable them to apply in a suitable manner, the annual income at their disposal.

In concluding their Report, the managers would in-

vite the continued co-operation of Friends in promoting the important objects of this Association. In the performance of the duties devolving upon them, they have been encouraged by the consideration, that the religious Society with which they are connected, has always been careful to impress upon its members the importance of a frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, considering them "the only fit outward judge of controversies among Christians; and that whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto their testimony, may therefore justly be rejected as false." They believe as expressed by George Fox, "that they were given forth by the Holy Spirit of God;" "that they are to be read, believed, and fulfilled, (he that fulfils them is Christ) and they are profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ." The advices issued from time to time by the Society to its members, clearly set forth the concern of the body on this subject. In the year 1723 the following was issued, viz:

"Inasmuch as the Holy Scriptures are the external means of conveying and preserving to us an account of the things most surely to be believed, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, and the fulfilling of the prophecies relating thereto, we therefore recommend to all Friends, especially elders in the church, and masters of families, that they would both by example and advice, impress on the minds of the younger, a

reverent esteem of those Sacred Writings, and advise them to a frequent reading and meditating therein."

Again in the year 1743, the attention of Friends was called to the subject in the following language, viz:

"We think it especially necessary at this time, to remind you of the former advices respecting a frequent and diligent reading of the Holy Scriptures: the doctrines contained in these Inspired Writings, duly attended to, and firmly impressed upon the minds of our young people, may be a means of preserving them from the danger and infection of such corrupt and irreligious principles, as, having a tendency to the exaltation of self and human abilities, would lessen their dependence on the power and Spirit of God, their only security and preservation."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th mo. 16th, 1846.

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Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible Association
New York, New York,	do.
Scipio, do.	do.
Farmington, do.	do.
Cornwall, do.	do.
Duanesburg, do.	do.
	do.
Saratoga, do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks, do.	do.
Red Stone, do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
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The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to George W. Taylor, Agent.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers Report, that 2332 Bibles, and 2760 Testaments, and 123 Testaments and Psalms have been disposed of during the year;—of which 464 Bibles, and 384 Testaments, and 55 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliaries. 1570 Bibles, and 2156 Testaments, and 33 Testaments and Psalms have been distributed gratuitously. Of this number, 910 Bibles, and 1142 Testaments, were furnished to Auxiliary Associations, for gratuitous distribution, or for sale at a reduction from the list of prices, to those who were not well able to pay the full price.

Since last Report, 1000 Reference Bibles, and 2000 24mo. Testaments, have been printed, and an edition of 2000 12mo. Testaments ordered.

The whole number of Bibles and Testaments, disposed of by the Association, since its establishment in the year 1828, is 46,081, viz. 25,703 of the former; and 20,378 of the latter. Of the Bibles thus distributed, 15,196 contained the Marginal References.

Reflecting upon the number of families and individuals who have, by means of this Association, been furnished with these excellent copies of the Holy Scriptures,

and with the facility for comparing one part of their contents with others—there appears to the Managers sufficient reason for the belief, that the Institution has been productive of good; and has, in no small measure, answered the purposes of those by whom it was founded.

A summary of the receipts and payments during the year, will be found annexed; as also a statement of the Stock of Books on hand, on the first instant.

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Under an impression, that in some places the zeal of Friends for the promotion of the objects of the Association had somewhat abated, and that especially in the more recent settlements, it might be useful to call the attention of our fellow-members, to the importance of a more careful investigation of the deficiencies in the supply of Bibles, with a view to supplying from the funds at the disposal of the Board, the wants of those who could not well afford to purchase for themselves, a Circular was issued by the Committee of Correspondence, in the Sixth month last, in which a revival of Auxiliaries whose operations have been suspendedthe formation of new ones, and a careful inspection of the wants of Friends, were suggested. From the answers to this Circular, which have come to hand, there is reason to believe that it was attended with beneficial results. Three Auxiliaries, which had been suspended, have been revived, and a new one formed in Michigan. A number of Friends in different parts of the country, have manifested increased interest in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and thus new channels have been opened for the gratuitous supply of Bibles; and the

Managers have been enabled usefully to appropriate a larger amount of their income to this object, than at any former period.

The manner in which the Bibles and Testaments, thus gratuitously furnished, have been received by Friends, has evinced their sense of the value of the gift, and afforded much satisfaction to the Managers.

One Auxiliary remarks; "We feel grateful, that through the liberality of the Parent Association, we have been instrumental in furnishing an unusual number of our members, who were not able to furnish themselves with the inestimable volume of Sacred Writ. We feel bound to acknowledge, that the benevolent work in which we have been engaged, has been beneficial, both to ourselves and those who have been the peculiar objects of our care. We doubt not, that when these donations are made under the influence of that love, that feels equally solicitous for the good of a brother with ourselves, this precious feeling becomes mutual." The same Auxiliary remarks; "that forty copies are necessary to furnish those within their limits, who are not supplied, and are not very well able to supply themselves." Another Association observes; "It has afforded us peculiar satisfaction, to be instrumental in distributing your bounty to the needy, and to witness the gratitude manifested by the recipients generally; and perhaps no portion of the service has been attended with more comfortable reflections, or productive of more usefulness, than the distribution of a large number of the small Testaments, among the children of a school under the care of Friends." "There are a large number of the descendants of Friends,

scattered over a portion of [the country within our limits,] by whom a copy of the Holy Scriptures would be received as a rich treasure; and we would cheerfully undertake the distribution of some among them, should you see fit to furnish them for that purpose."

Of the thirty-nine Auxiliary Associations, twenty-one have forwarded Reports this year, viz. Burlington and Haddonfield, N. J.;—Flushing, Stillwater, Short Creek, Fairfield and Alum Creek, Ohio; Blue River, Spiceland, Westfield, Springfield, Western, White Water, White Lick and Hamilton, Indiana;—Yonge Street, Upper Canada; Adrian, Michigan;—Salem, Iowa; Vassalborough, Maine;—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Deep River, North Carolina.

They show, that while in the older settlements Friends' families are generally pretty well supplied, there are still many individuals who do not possess copies, to whom they might be very useful. While in the new settlements, there continues to be a want of suitable Bibles in many families, and a great deficiency in the supply for individual use.

The Managers are desirous of promoting the increase of Auxiliary Associations; and where circumstances do not admit of the formation of an Auxiliary, they have availed themselves of the services of individuals. The result has thus far been satisfactory; and it is proposed, with due caution, to extend this mode of promoting the sale and distribution of Bibles.

The attention of the Board has been directed to supplying the Schools under the care of Friends; especially in those parts of the country, which seem to have a claim upon our gratuitous fund.

It has also been gratifying to the Managers, that they have had it in their power to contribute a number of Bibles and Testaments, to a School established in the state of Tennessee, for the instruction of children of persons held in slavery.

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In looking towards supplying the wants of Schools, the Managers have frequently felt the need of an edition of the Holy Scriptures, in a larger type than our small Bible; and yet sufficiently portable for children. They have reason to believe, that were it in their power to furnish such a copy of the Old and New Testament, it would tend to increase the use of the Scriptures in our Schools, and confer a benefit upon a very interesting class of readers. The cost of the stereotype plates for such an edition, would be about \$1300. The Managers do not think it expedient to incur so heavy a charge upon their funds; but they are persuaded, that it is an object well worthy of the favourable regard of such Friends, as may be willing to contribute towards the extension of the usefulness of the Association.

The cost of Bibles and Testaments having been somewhat lessened, a considerable reduction in the prices of most descriptions has been made, in the hope of promoting their increased sale and distribution.

When they reflect upon the lamentable deficiency in the supply of suitable copies of the Holy Scriptures, which existed when this Association was formed, and upon the change which has been effected, especially in the more densely populated parts of the country, the Managers are persuaded, that there is ground for encouragement to renewed exertion. The experience of the past year has been satisfactory, and it cannot be doubted that a wide field is still open for the labours of this Association, which with the Divine blessing, cannot fail to reward those who enter upon it, from a sincere desire to promote the cause of Truth, and the highest interests of their fellow men.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, 4th month 15th, 1847.

At the late Annual Meeting of the Association, the 14th Article of the Constitution was altered, so as to read as follows: viz.

ARTICLE 14.—The Annual Meeting of the Association, shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the Seventh-day, preceding the third Second-day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

Summary of Receipts and Payments, referred to in the Annual Report, taken from the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

Agent's Salary,		١.				\$400	00
Printing, .						298	08
Binding,						848	14
Paper,						1012	77
Incidental Expenses,						138	47
Notes discounted \$2	077,	less	interest	\$69	15	2007	85
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RECEIPTS.

\$471	59
1053	20
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Stock of Books on hand 4th mo. 1st, 1847.

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264	Reference Bibles,	8vo.
226	School "	24mo.
442	Testaments,	24mo.
196	"	12mo.
44	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.
	IN SHEETS.	

1140	Reference :	Bibles,	8vo.
41	School	"	8vo.
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Duanesburg, do.	do.
Purchase, do.	do.
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Reference Bible	with Fam. Rec.		8vo.	No. 8		Calf, pt. bk. &c.	\$5 00	\$5 00
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do.	do.	do.	do.	No. 5	l vol.	do. do.	3 00	3 25
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	4 00	4 25
do.	do.	do.	24mo.	No. 2	1 vol.	Plain Sheep	65	75
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NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE FIFTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1848.

PHILADELPHIA:

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report of their proceedings during the past year:

There have been issued from the Depository for the year ending Fourth month 1st, 1848,—4428 Bibles, 3992 Testaments, and 354 Testaments and Psalms, of which 565 Bibles, 420 Testaments, and 102 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliaries.

1314 Bibles, 1727 Testaments, and 105 Testaments and Psalms have been gratuitously disposed of. Of this number 1020 Bibles, 1531 Testaments, and 50 Testaments and Psalms were furnished to Auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution, or for sale at a reduction from the list prices, to such as might not be able to pay the full price.

From the above account, it appears there has been an increase of issues from the Depository over the previous year, of 2096 Bibles, 1232 Testaments, and 231 Testaments and Psalms.

Since last Report, 2000 Reference Bibles, 2000 School Bibles, 2000 12 mo. Testaments, and 3000 24 mo. Testaments have been printed. The stereotype plates of

the Reference Bible have been thoroughly repaired and corrected by a competent workman.

A summary of the receipts and payments during the year, taken from the Treasurer's account, also a statement of the stock of books on hand on the 1st instant, will be found annexed.

We have received information (since last Report,) of the establishment of an Auxiliary, at New Garden, Indiana, and of the revival of one which had suspended its operations for several years past. It is very desirable that the number of these Associations should be increased, and the Managers would again call the attention of Friends within the limits of Quarterly Meetings, where none have yet been formed, to the subject, in the hope that efforts may be made to promote their establishment.

Reports have been received from sixteen Auxiliaries, viz: Vassalborough, Maine; Fairfield, Flushing, and Centre, Ohio; Blue River, White Water, White Lick, New Garden Central, Westfield, Spiceland, Hamilton, and Springfield, Indiana; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Adrian, Michigan; Burlington, N. J.; and Salem, Iowa. Satisfactory accounts have also been received from several individuals, to whom the distribution and sale of Bibles and Testaments had been entrusted, and we hope for an increase in the number of Friends, who may feel a willingness to promote the objects of the Association, by making inquiry in their respective neighbourhoods, as to the wants of Friends, and forwarding the result to the Managers. Where Auxiliaries cannot be formed, it may still be found desirable occasionally to avail ourselves of

the services of suitably qualified friends, in promoting the sale and distribution of our Bibles.

From the Reports of a number of the Auxiliaries which have been received, it appears that they have been diligently engaged during the past year in ascertaining the wants of Friends within their limits, and supplying them with Bibles and Testaments, so far as their means have enabled them. One Auxiliary states in its Report, that "though the number of Friends unsupplied with complete copies of the Holy Scriptures is not much reduced, we can recur to many aged Friends who have been through your benevolence supplied with good reference Bibles, who before had small school Bibles; and many newly married Friends, as well as other individuals, just beginning, as it were, in this comparatively [uncleared] country, now nicely, and we have cause to believe gratefully supplied with complete copies." Thus, while the object of the parent Association is faithfully carried out, "that of supplying the destitute with good legible copies of the Holy Scriptures, and encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them," we cannot doubt that they will prove, as they declare themselves, able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, and that the blessing recorded in them, respecting those that seek out the cause of the poor and needy, will in proportion to their faithfulness rest upon them.

Another Auxiliary observes, "We hope that by means of the very liberal donation received of you, and the patient and persevering endeavours of a few of our own members, all the *members* of our Monthly Meeting will

eventually be furnished with full copies of the Holy Scriptures, and we shall be glad to do all we can to effect the same desirable result within the limits of our Quarterly Meeting."

Another states, "There have been a great many Bibles and Testaments sent here the past summer, by other Bible Societies, and sold at very low prices or given away, which has supplied the demand to some extent, although many prefer our books, as being neater and better executed."

Another remarks, "We believe much good has arisen through our feeble endeavours to circulate the Holy Scriptures. In addition to what our Auxiliary has done, we acknowledge with thankfulness, the valuable donations of the Parent Association, which have afforded ability gratuitously to furnish many who were not well able to furnish themselves. We feel encouraged to continue our exertions to promote the objects of the Association in furnishing each member of our Society who is capable of reading the Holy Scriptures, with a good and durable copy."

Another reports, "Although our operations the past year have not been large, yet they have probably been as useful as in any previous year. We believe there is an increasing interest felt in assisting to furnish all our members with a copy of the Holy Scriptures."

Another informs, "We have during the past year had a committee appointed, who have made inquiry and supplied each member of our religious Society capable of reading, who was destitute of a copy and unable to purchase it, so far as they have been able to find [such

cases;] and we think that we shall be able to keep such deficiency supplied as may occur during the ensuing year."

Another Auxiliary states, that from the report of the committee of correspondence and of the Female Branch, it appeared that during the past year, 46 Bibles and 5 Testaments have been distributed; in which service our Female Branch has been very helpful to us. Application being made to the committee of correspondence by a coloured first-day school for a supply of Bibles, and the committee to whom the subject was referred believing that a donation of Bibles would be usefully appropriated, twenty-four small Bibles were accordingly furnished, and are included in the number above specified. Although it is believed that very few, if any, Friends within our limits are destitute of the Holy Scriptures, cases are occasionally brought to our notice which show the propriety of continuing our organization.

From the Report of one of our distant Auxiliaries we extract the following: "In again presenting to you our Annual Report, we feel constrained to acknowledge our feelings of gratitude to the Parent Association for its very liberal donations, by which we have been enabled to furnish many Friends with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, who otherwise would in all probability not have had a copy. We also think it right to inform you, that the recipients have generally manifested a lively interest in the perusal of them, which has afforded us much satisfaction, and has encouraged us to persevere in the good work. In looking over the wide field of

labour which has fallen to our lot since the establishment of our Auxiliary, we feel that a very great degree of responsibility is resting upon us; and in order that you may in some degree appreciate the difficulties which we have to encounter in rendering our account to the Parent Association, we believe it right to inform you that the number of members belonging to the two Monthly Meetings [within our limits] is about two thousand five hundred, and they are scattered over an extent of territory more than 300 miles in circumference. We have, however, taken care that copies of the Holy Scriptures should be distributed in many of these remote sections, and many have been in this manner furnished, who could not have furnished themselves. In these remote settlements Friends are generally not in circumstances to be able to purchase suitable copies of the Bible, and therefore those distributed in such places, are generally donations which much curtails the amount which we otherwise might send you for the sale of Bibles. But notwithstanding this, we believe it is the design of the Parent Association that such should be supplied, and therefore we have furnished them accordingly. We wish further to add, that we feel encouraged, notwithstanding the many difficulties we have to encounter, from the increasing interest manifested by Friends on the subject, and the gratefulness of recipients."

Another Auxiliary mentions, "We have gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of a valuable donation in Bibles and Testaments, many of which have been disposed of; some by sales and some gratuitously; and we may add that it afforded us satisfaction to be the instruments in

dispensing your liberality to the needy, and often to hear the expression of gratitude from the lips of the glad recipients."

Another Auxiliary states: "Those reported as having been gratuitously distributed, were received by the individuals to whom they were given with feelings of lively gratitude, demonstrating the interest they felt in the gift.

"We feel in this Auxiliary very much encouraged, partly by the beneficent donation of the Parent Association (which we gratefully acknowledge,) and which has enabled us to widen our sphere of action, by reducing the *price* sufficiently low to enable many young Friends in very moderate circumstances to purchase Bibles or Testaments for themselves, but more especially because we see a more lively *interest* in the cause manifested by our elderly Friends, both in attending the meetings of the Auxiliary more regularly, and imparting wise counsel and advice to the younger members, strengthening their weak hands and faltering steps.

"We are fully persuaded this is a good cause, and humbly trust that you as well as ourselves, may be enabled with divine assistance to persevere therein."

Another informs: "We have the satisfaction of informing you, that we have still continued our labours in the cause the past year, believing they have been satisfactory and useful, especially to a portion of our members, who in settling new lands have many difficulties to encounter."

Another Auxiliary thus concludes its Report: "We are aware that it is but little this Association can effect, towards extending the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

Our aim is not to accomplish great things, but in the ability afforded to do whatsoever our hands find to do; trusting that He whose cause we are endeavouring to promote, will at times bless our feeble efforts. And should the perusal of these inspired pages be instrumental to cheer a few sorrowing pilgrims on their journey Zionward, to stir up the pure mind by way of remembrance in others, or to induce one wanderer from the true fold, to seek Him of whom they testify, we shall not have done the little that we have done, in vain."

We could have desired that all of the Auxiliaries might have forwarded Reports of their proceedings during the past year. By those received, and from information derived from other sources, the Managers are encouraged to believe that the Association continues, to a considerable extent, to fulfil the design of its founders, by supplying Friends with good copies of the Holy Scriptures, and promoting the frequent and serious perusal of them. Much yet remains to be done, particularly in the more remote settlements, where the supply of Bibles and Testaments is still quite inadequate, and the Managers are very desirous that Friends in all parts of our widely extended country may embrace every suitable opportunity to promote the important objects of the Association.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth month 15th, 1848.

At a late Annual Meeting of the Association, the 14th Article of the Constitution was altered, so as to read as follows, viz:

ARTICLE 14.—The Annual Meeting of the Association, shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the Seventh-day preceding the third Second-day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

Summary of Receipts and Payments, referred to in the Annual Report, taken from the Treasurer's Account. PAYMENTS.

Paper for Bibles and T	Cestaments,	. \$1567	41
Printing, do.	do	. 761	29
Binding, do.	do	. 1246	71
Repairing Stereotype	olates,	. 232	33
Salary of Agent for 9	months, Incidental ex-		
1,		. 433	98
	on Fourth street and		
Appletree Alley,		. 172	34
Interest on temporary	loan,	. 6	70
Balance due to Treasu	rer per account settled,		
Fourth month 3rd,	1847,	. 56	07
		_	\$4476 83
	RECEIPTS.		
From Auxiliary Assoc	iations for Bibles and		
Testaments, .		. \$787	23
Sales of Bibles and Te	estaments,	. 1597	56
Rent of Real Estate	on 4th st. and Appletr	ee) 1000	01
	ater-rent, and repairs,	1080	01
Annual Subscriptions,		. 57	00
Interest on Lehigh Los	ın,	. 32	52
Lehigh Mortgage Loan		. 17	94
Notes collected, .		. 849	48
Balance due to Treasu	rer 4th mo. 10th, 1848	, 55	09

Stock of Books on hand 4th mo. 1st, 1848.

BOUND.

498	Reference Bibles,	Svo.
408	School, "	24mo.
1010	Testaments,	24mo.
549	"	12mo.
80	Testaments and Pealme	19ma

IN SHEETS.

800	Reference	ce Bibles,	8vo.
41	School	46	Bvo.
1104	66	44	24mo
2159	Testame	ents,	24mo
1200	66		12mo
80	Testamo	nte and Pealme	19mo

80 Testaments and Psalms, 12mo

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES,

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Association, since its establishment; and how many during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Association, since its commencement; and how many within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Association?
- 4. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not duly supplied with the Holy Scriptures; and if so, how many?
- 5. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own a copy?
- 6. How many Bibles or Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale, or to Friends within your limits?
- 7. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to furnish a copy of the Bible to each family, and to each member of our religious Society, within your limits, capable of reading it, but not owning a copy, nor able to purchase one?

8. If not, what number of copies, if gratuitously furnished by the Bible Association, would enable the Auxiliary to supply such families and individuals?

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RULES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles

and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Acting Committee; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

Sth. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

$A \cup X$	ILIARY SOC	HETH	ES.
Vassalborough,	Maine, Auxiliary	Bible A	ssociation.
New York, New		do.	
Scipio,	do.	do.	
Farmington,	do.	do.	
Cornwall,	do.	do.	
Duanesburg,	do.	do.	
Purchase,	do.	do.	
Saratoga,	do.	do.	
Ferrisburg, Ver	mont,	do.	
Yonge Street, I	Jpper Canada,	do.	
Philadelphia, Pe	ennsylvania,	do.	
Bucks,	do.	do.	
Red Stone,	do.	do.	
Burlington, Ne	w Jersey,	do.	
Salem,	do.	do.	
	do.	do.	
Upper Quarterl	y Meeting, Va.,	do.	
New Garden, N	N. C.,	do.	
Deep River,	do.	do.	
Southern,	do.	do.	
Eastern,	do.	do.	
Stillwater, Ohi		do.	
Miami, do.		do.	
Salem, do.		do.	
Alum Creek, do.		do.	
Centre, do.		do.	
Flushing, do.		do.	
Fairfield, do.		do.	
New Garden,		do.	
New Garden, C	entral, do.	do.	
Blue River,	do.	do.	
White Water,	do.	do.	
White Lick,	do.	do.	
Westfield,	do.	do.	
Springfield,	do.	do.	
Western,	do.	do.	
Spiceland,	do.	do.	
Hamilton,	do.	do.	
Salem, Iowa,		do.	
Adrian, Michiga	an,	do.	

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

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Reference Bible	with Fam. Rec. Index & Concor.		8vo.	No. 8	2 vols.	Culf, pt. bk. &c.	\$5 00	85 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.		6 00	6 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50	3 50
do.	do.	Fine	do.	No. 4	1 vol.	Shp. pt. hk. &c.	1 50	1 75
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do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00	4 2
School Bible			24mo.	No. 2	1 vol.	Plain Sheep	65	7
do			do.			Shp. flexible bk	80	1 0
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			do.	10000		Moslin-		3
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do.			do.			Sheep bands	25	2
			do.			Clf embossed	7.5	7.
			do.				1 00	1 0
		-1	do.			Marocco do.	1 00	1 0
do.				7071 477		Pocket bk. form	75	7.
						bound Sheep	98	3
						Plain Sheep	371	44
						Sheep, extra	50	60
	salms, bound toge	ther	do.			Plain Sheep	45	5
do.	do		do.			Sheep, extra	55	6

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following statement of their proceedings during the past year:

There have been issued from the Depository during the year ending Third month 31st, 1849,—2755 Bibles, 1415 Testaments, and 134 Testaments and Psalms; of which 382 Bibles, 383 Testaments, and 88 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliaries; 860 Bibles, 726 Testaments, and 12 Testaments and Psalms were furnished to Auxiliaries for gratuitous distribution, and for sale at reduced prices at their discretion; and 70 Bibles, 51 Testaments, and 17 Testaments and Psalms have been furnished as donations by the Committee on gratuitous distribution. 'Of the latter, 12 Testaments and Psalms were for the use of a coloured school, at Knoxville, Tennessee. 1000 copies of the Reference Bible in sheets, sold to the American and Foreign Bible Society, are included in the above statement.

Since the last Report 2000 copies of the Reference Bible, and 500 copies of the Psalms, to be bound up with the Testament as heretofore, have been printed, and an edition of 1000 Bibles in 24mo. is in press. An abstract of the Treasurer's account, and a statement of the stock of books on hand, are herewith submitted.

Since the establishment of the Association, we have printed, and distributed or sold, 21,350 copies of the Reference Bible, 10,530 of the Bible in 24mo., 14,196 of the 12mo. Testament, and 5,768 of the 24mo. Testament.

Reports have been received from nineteen Auxiliary Associations, viz: Philadelphia, Vassalborough, Me.; Eastern, N. C.; Stillwater, Flushing, Short Creek, Alum Creek, Centre, Fairfield, Ohio; Western, White-water, White-lick, Hamilton, Springfield, New Garden Central, Westfield, Spiceland and Blue River, Indiana; and Salem, Iowa.

Reports have also come to hand from some individuals, (residing in neighbourhoods where there are no Auxiliaries) to whom supplies of Bibles and Testaments had been sent, for sale or distribution.

Although the operations of the Managers have been more limited during the past year than for the two preceding ones, yet they have pursued the same steady course as heretofore; and we gather from the Reports of the Auxiliary Associations, that our labours have been acceptable and useful, as the following extracts will show.

One of them says, "We would gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your very liberal donation we received last summer, by which, on the terms of the gift, we are enabled to give to those who are unable to purchase, and sell at reduced prices to such as can pay in part, and we can assure you, that in all these cases, gratitude of the deepest kind is excited to the founders and managers of an association, which dispenses so liberally its favours, of a nature too, that comes so near the very best feelings of a Christian's heart. In conclusion, permit us to express a hope, that we may continue to be instrumental, though in a very small measure, it may be, in aiding the truly benevolent design of the Institution."

Another states, "that it was found by examination among the members of the Quarterly Meeting, that five families had no Bible, and that ninety-four individuals over fifteen years of age did not own a Bible, although they had access to a copy in the family; many of them it is added have been supplied by the Auxiliary."

Another says, that "fifty-eight families or individuals have been furnished with the Holy Scriptures during the past year," and adds, "we believe nearly all the members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, who were not well able to supply themselves, have been through your liberality furnished; but there is a considerable number in 'easy circumstances' yet unsupplied."

Another Auxiliary, in reply to the 7th query of the Corresponding Members, says "their funds are sufficient to supply Friends, but not to go beyond, as there are a great many coloured persons within our limits, who are generally in quite straitened circumstances, but most of whom can read, and many of them destitute of the Scriptures, though members of a religious society, and worthy upright persons."

Another says, "the income of the Auxiliary is not sufficient to supply all those in moderate circumstances not supplied [with Bibles]; we have not any, perhaps, who are unable to purchase a copy, yet we have large families

growing up who are in moderate circumstances, to some of whom we think it proper to hand a copy gratis."

Another Report states, "that each family of Friends is supplied with a copy, but that about 250 members capable of reading, do not own a copy, and that the income of the Auxiliary is not sufficient to furnish each member with a copy who is destitute and unable to purchase."

Another Auxiliary recently established says, "in making this our first Annual Report, we cannot but acknowledge our grateful feelings, for the very liberal donation received from you, which has enabled us to furnish many who were destitute of a Bible, with copies of this invaluable book. We feel that there is a wide field of labour open before us; but we hope by untiring industry, and faithful perseverance in the noble cause in which we have embarked, ultimately to furnish not only every family, but every member of our Society within our limits, capable of reading the Scriptures, with a complete copy thereof."

The following extracts constitute nearly the entire Report of another of our Auxiliaries.

"As the time for presenting our Annual Report has again rolled round, we will make an attempt at the performance of the duty; although, as we have often expressed before, it is very difficult for us to render a full and explicit account, in consequence of the members of our Society being so widely scattered. We have now quite a large number of members belonging to our Association, which evinces some interest in the concern, and we have already distributed a large proportion of the Bibles and Testaments which we have on hand, mostly gratuitously. When we became acquainted with the

condition of many of our brethren, especially of those who live in remote parts of the country, where books are scarce and costly, and money difficult to be procured, whose daily wants require nearly the whole of the little they can earn, and who have large families growing up around them, many of whom do not possess a perfect copy of the Holy Scriptures, it presents so strong a claim to our benevolent feelings, that we have felt it a duty to do what we could, towards supplying them with that book, which above all others, we believe is best calculated to promote their moral and religious improvement. Hence very many of the Bibles and Testaments last sent by the parent Association, have been distributed gratuitously, mostly to such members. But while we have had an eye to supplying such of our members, as are not able to furnish themselves, we have also extended our charities in some instances to the descendants of of Friends; who have in some cases lost their right of membership, but who frequent our meetings, and retain their attachment to the Society of which they once were members. We have also in a few instances distributed to the poor and the destitute, who have come more particularly under our care and notice, whatever may be their names to religion. And while it is a great satisfaction to us, to believe, that the Bibles and Testaments thus distributed have had their proper place, and have been the means through the Divine blessing, of comforting and encouraging some of the poor in purse and spirit; yet we wish the parent Association to understand, that our labours have been chiefly confined within the pale of our own Society-where the more we investigate the more we see the need of prompt and energetic measures, in order to supply the wants of indigent members. There is one peculiar difficulty under which we labour in answering the Annual Queries, and which we think it will be best to present to the notice of the parent Association; and that is, that the number of Friends here is very fast increasing; many emigrating from different parts of the world and settling here, which makes it very difficult for us to ascertain the condition of Friends within our limits, as to being supplied with copies of the Holy Scriptures."

Another reports, "that during the past year, they have distributed the following copies of the Holy Scriptures, viz: thirty-nine Reference, one Octavo and twenty-eight 24mo. Bibles; twenty-two Testaments and Psalms; twenty-two 12mo. and fifty-four 24mo. Testaments—which were disposed of as follows, viz: thirteen Reference, and six 24mo. Bibles; two Testaments and Psalms, and eighteen Testaments were given to members and professors.

"Two Reference Bibles and eighteen Testaments to twenty persons living at Deer Creek, Maryland. Twelve Testaments to the Bedford Street Colored School, and twelve for distribution among the children of the same, when placed out. Twelve Testaments to the Shelter for Colored Orphans, to be given to the children when leaving the Institution. Eight copies of the Scriptures to other persons of color; seven to prisoners in Moyamensing Jail, and fifty-six copies to deserving individuals, many of whom were members of other religious societies.

"The whole number of copies of the Holy Scriptures distributed by this Auxiliary since its organization in

1831, as appears from an examination of the books of the Corresponding Committee, is as follows:—

359 Reference Bibles,
125 Bibles without Reference,
281 " 24 mo.,
42 " 18 mo.,
67 Testaments and Psalms,
156 " 12mo. bound,
426 " 12mo. half bound,
283 " 24mo.,
24 " 18mo.,

1763 copies.

"This Association feels a renewed assurance, that humble as its sphere may be, when compared with the more extensive field of operation of similar Associations of other religious societies, its efforts have been productive of much good, by introducing the Sacred Volume among a class of individuals, who are oftentimes overlooked.

"The following particulars respecting a sick man, upon his receipt of a Reference Bible, were furnished by the female branch of this Auxiliary:

"He observed that he could not read until his thirtieth year, at which time he became concerned to seek those things which make for peace. Then said he, (pointing to the volume handed) 'I wanted to know the contents of that book.' With his wife's assistance he has by application, realized his wish, so that he can now read it to satisfaction; and it is believed the consolations, admonitions and promises contained therein, have been

measurably unfolded to his mind, by the renewed operations of the Spirit of Truth.

"'All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.'"

These statements, which are in substance repeated in nearly all the reports, confirm the propriety of the course which has been adopted by the Managers, of furnishing the Auxiliary Associations with copies of our various editions of the Holy Scriptures, and authorising them to be disposed of at such prices as may be thought advisable. In this way the cost of the Bible is regulated by the circumstances of the individual purchaser, and our great end of distributing the Holy Scriptures is more effectually gained.

The Managers have been desirous to add to their publications a duodecimo Bible, in larger type than the 24 mo., and of a more convenient size for common use than our Reference Bible. The stereotype plates for such an edition can be procured at a moderate expense; and the expediency of authorising a subscription for the purpose of obtaining them, is suggested to the Association.

It is much to be desired, that the number of our members should not be allowed to decrease; but that the vacancies occasioned by deaths and removals, should from time to time be filled. If subscriptions were solicited, as has been suggested, it would afford an opportunity for many of our young friends to become life members, and to aid the Association in accomplishing a very desirable object.

If the Annual Reports of the Managers do not show a constantly enlarging and widening scale of operations, they furnish evidence from year to year, that within the quiet and humble sphere of its labours, the Society has been the instrument of much good to our fellow-members. We sincerely desire that our successors may fulfil with faithfulness and zeal, those duties which our predecessors have so well performed: for we are pursuaded that the field of labour for the Bible Association of Friends in America, will always be as wide as the spread of our Religious Society itself on this great continent, and that with all the means in its power, it will not probably be more than able to supply the constantly increasing demand.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth mo. 12th, 1849.

At an Annual Meeting of the Association, the 14th Article of the Constitution was altered, so as to read as follows, viz:

ARTICLE 14.—The Annual Meeting of the Association, shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the Seventh-day preceding the third Second-day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.

Summary of Receipts and Payments, referred to in the Annual Report, taken from the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

	PAYME	MIS.					
Agent's salary, five quarters	, ;.			\$500	01		
Printing Annual Report, &c.				25	56		
Do. Bibles and Testame	nts,			342	86		
Binding do. do.				955	16		
Paper,				1327	91		
Packing boxes, .				20	94		
Incidental expenses, .				57	05		
Carpenters' work, .				32	90		
Account books, .				11			
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Balance due to Treasurer pe							00
Fourth month 10th, 1848						55	
Balance due Association, Fo	urth mo.	7th, 18	49,		2	11	16
					\$35	30	94
					\$ 00	00	04
	RECEI	PTS.					
Interest on Lehigh Loan,				71	44		
Auxiliary Associations,				571	59		
Rents of Depository, .		1295	00				
Less taxes, water-rent, and	glazing	187	74				
			_	1107	26		
Sales of Bibles and Testame	ents,			1631	55		
Annual subscriptions,				57	00		
Legacy of Elizabeth White				101			0.
					\$35	39	84

Stock of Books on hand Fourth month 1st, 1849.

BOUND.

650	Reference Bibles,	Svo.
250	School "	24mo.
297	Testaments,	12mo.
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98 Testaments and Psalms, 12me.

IN SHEETS.

1	000	Reference H	ibles	,	Nvo.
	41	School	66		8vo.
	250	44	44		24mo.
	507	Testaments,			12mo.
1	430	66			24mo.
	359	Testaments	and	Psalms,	12mo.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Association, during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Association, within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Association: and what number of families of Friends reside within its limits?
- 4. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with the Holy Scriptures; and if so, how many?
- 5. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own a complete copy of the Holy Scriptures?
- 6. How many Bibles or Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?
- 7. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?
- 8. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?
- 9. What number would be necessary to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?
- 10. What is the number of each kind of Bibles and Testaments now on hand?

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

BULLES

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in Ame-

rica; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

LARY SOCIETIES.

Association.

AUXILIARY SOC	CIET
Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible
New York, New York,	do.
Scipio, do.	do.
Farmington, do.	do.
Cornwall, do.	do.
Cornwall, do. Duanesburg, do. Purchase, do.	do.
Purchase, do.	do.
Purchase, do. Saratoga, do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,	do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks, do.	do.
Red Stone, do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.,	do.
New Garden, N. C.,	do.
Deep River, do.	do.
Southern, do.	do.
Eastern, do.	do.
Stillwater Ohio	do.
Miami, do. Salem, do.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Alum Creek, do.	do.
Centre, do.	do.
Flushing, do.	do.
Fairfield, do.	do.
New Garden, Indiana,	do.
New Garden, Central, do.	do.
Blue River, do.	do.
White Water, do.	do.
White Lick, do.	do.
Westfield, do.	do.
Springfield, do.	do.
Western, do.	do.
Spiceland, do.	do.
Hamilton, do.	do.
Salem, Iowa,	do.
Adrian, Michigan,	do

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1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.
"I give and bequeath to A.B. and A.C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint.

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

BIBLE	ASSOC	IATION	OF F	RIENDS	IN A	MERICA.
DEPOSITOR	Y No. 50	NORTH P	FOURT	H STREET	, UP ST	AIRS, PHILA.
P	RICES	OF BIBL	ES AL	ND TESTA	MENT	rs.

	-					Number of Vois.	How Bound.	Frior to Auxiliarios, Sub-cribers, & IT keilers.	Retail Price.	
Reference	Bible }	with Fam. Rec. Index & Concor.	Super.	8vo.	No. 8	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	\$5 00	85 00	
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do.		do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols	Muslin	3 50	3 50	
do.		do,	Fine	do.	No. 4	l vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 50	1 75	
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do.				do.			Sheep bandu	25	25	
do.				do.		****	Clf. embossed	75	75	
do.				do.			do. do. & gilt	1 00	1 00	
do.				do.			Mororco doa	1 00	1 00	
do.							Pocket bk, form	75	75	
do.							bound Sheep	99	31	
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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE THIRTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1850.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers Report that they have sold and distributed during the year, ending Third month 31st, 1850, Bibles and Testaments as follows: viz. They have sold 246 Bibles, 62 Testaments, and 23 Testaments and Psalms to Auxiliary Associations; 261 Bibles, 329 Testaments, and 20 Testaments and Psalms to Booksellers and others; and 994 Bibles to the American and Foreign Bible Society in New York. They have furnished to Auxiliary Associations for gratuitous distribution, or for sale, 1031 Bibles, 935 Testaments, and 30 Testaments and Psalms; the Committee on gratuitous distribution has disposed of 53 Bibles, and 249 Testaments; making altogether 2585 Bibles, 1575 Testaments, and 73 Testaments and Psalms, which have been sold and distributed during the year.

An edition of one thousand copies of the School Bible, referred to in the last Annual Report as being in press, has since been completed; 1000 thousand copies of the Reference Bible have been printed, and editions of the 24mo. Bible, and 12mo. Testament are in press.

Since the establishment of the Association, 22,350 copies of the Reference Bible have been printed; and as the stereotype plates have several times had to be repaired, the expediency of providing the means for

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their renewal has frequently claimed the attention of the Managers. For this purpose they have agreed to invest in good security \$250 per annum, to constitute, with the interest accruing from the same, a fund for the purchase of new plates. It is believed that the set now on hand will last for several years, and that before they shall become unfit for use, the fund now begun will be adequate to purchase a new set.

Reports have been received from 17 Auxiliary Associations: viz. from Philadelphia, from Vassalborough, Me.; Alum Creek, Flushing and Fairfield, Ohio; Eastern, N. C. Blue River, Spiceland, New Garden Central, White-water, Whitelick, Westfield, Western, Hamilton, Northern, and Honey Creek, Indiana; and from Salem in Iowa.

Two new Auxiliaries have been formed, viz. Honey Creek Auxiliary, Howard Co., and the Northern Auxiliary, Grant Co., both in Indiana. Reports have also come to hand from individuals residing in neighbourhoods where there are no auxiliaries, to whom supplies of Bibles and Testaments had been sent for sale or distribution.

The building owned by the Association has undergone some necessary repairs, and been painted during the present season.

The subscription suggested in our last Annual Report, for procuring the means of purchasing a set of stereotype plates for a new duodecimo Bible, has not yet been undertaken by the Managers.

Although we cannot expect any great things in the humble field of labour which we occupy, and in some of the Auxiliaries much apathy appears to prevail, it is encouraging to receive from other quarters, particularly in the far West, where the need is greatest, and the spread of Friends most rapid, evidences of the continued usefulness of our institution.

The Reports of Auxiliaries to the Parent Association, which are herewith submitted, manifest how important is the assistance they afford us, and how gratefully the aid we furnish them is received.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth mo. 11th, 1850.

Summary	of the	Treasurer's	Account.
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				PA	YMEN	TS.					
Agent's sa	lary,							\$400	00		
Printing,								320	79		
Binding,								794	15		
Paper,								870	96		
Incidental	exper	ises,						68	64		
Repairs of	Depo	sitory	Buil	ding,	water	-rent,	&c.	161	82		
Investmen	t in 1	Lehig	h M	ortgag	e Lo	an,		250	00		
										\$2866	36
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RECEIPTS.											
Balance of Account settled, Fourth mo. 7th, 1849. \$211 16											
Sales of B	ibles a	and T	'estai	nents,				1467	28		

Balance of Account settled, Fourt	h mo.	7th,	1849.	\$211	16
Sales of Bibles and Testaments,				1467	28
From Auxiliary Associations,				342	58
Annual Subscriptions,				51	00
Rents of Depository Building, \$	1345,				
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Stock of Books on hand Fourth month 1st, 1850.

BOUND.

672 Reference Bibles,	8vo.
519 School "	24mo.
477 Testaments	12mo
709 "	24mo
134 Testaments and Psalms	12mo

IN SHEETS.

342	Reference	Bibles,	8vo.
41	School	66	8vo.
7	66	6.6	24mo.
537	Testament	s,	24mo.

Extracts from Reports of Auxiliary Associations.

"Again we present to you an Annual Report, of our feeble endeavours to give circulation to the inspired volume. By the accounts received from committees appointed by this Auxiliary, to inspect the condition of Friends relative to being supplied with suitable copies of the Holy Scriptures, it appears that in some places they have been diligently engaged in the performance of this most interesting duty, and from the accounts received we are renewedly encouraged to believe, that the cause is still advancing within our borders. Our rapidly increasing settlements require constant and diligent inspection, and the responsibility and labour in managing the concern, increase in the same ratio-and rest with increasing weight on those who have the subject at heart. We have now within the verge of our Quarterly Meeting, about 350 families of Friends, embracing about three thousand members, and, as we have already informed you, their scattered condition renders it very difficult for us to give explicit answers to all the queries. Yet notwithstanding the many difficulties to be encountered, we are not without the hope, that by the means of the very liberal donations received from you, and the persevering labours of this Auxiliary, all the members of our Quarterly Meeting who are capable of reading, will eventually be furnished with good and substantial copies of the Bible. We do not aim at great things,

but have endeavoured, as ability was afforded, to do whatsoever our hands find to do, trusting that He whose cause we have endeavoured to support, will bless our feeble efforts.

"We trust, we are very far from wishing to arrogate to this Auxiliary any merit which is not its just due; yet when we view its operations thus far, and the success which has attended them, we cannot but believe that a blessing is designed for it, and that its labours have been essentially useful within the limited sphere of its operations. It is peculiarly gratifying to observe, that so large a number of our young people evince an interest in the concern, and are turning their attention to the subject with an earnestness and zeal which promise the happiest results. And our anxious desire now is, that the benefits to be derived from this organization may be extended to our brethren of the whole Quarterly Meeting. And should the perusal of these sacred writings, which we have distributed, be instrumental in cheering and encouraging one weary pilgrim in his journey to that rest, which is prepared for the people of God-or to stir up the "pure mind" in any "by way of remembrance," or to induce one wanderer from the fold to return, repent and live, we should feel that the little which we have been enabled to do, has not been in vain."

[&]quot;We have held our sixth Annual Meeting, and may in the first place, as an Auxiliary, acknowledge the reception of a box of Bibles and Testaments, received last sixth month; which the managers of our Auxiliary have endeavoured to distribute to those capable of reading, who were unsupplied within our limits; and we have the satisfaction of informing you, they were generally well received. And we indulge the hope, that the very liberal amount furnished by you, for gratuitous distribution, may prove lastingly beneficial to many of our members, if it should be the means of exciting some to the more frequent and serious perusal of them—one of the primary objects in view, in the formation of the Parent Association.

[&]quot;We have gratuitously distributed since the formation of our

auxiliary 170 Bibles, and 240 Testaments, besides many others, for which we received only a small part of the card prices; and we think there are probably about 75 capable of reading the Holy Scriptures unsupplied, mostly the children of parents able to supply their beloved offspring."

"We would, before answering the queries, acknowledge thankfully, the receipt a short time since of a box of Bibles and Testaments, and 10 copies of the Testament and Psalms, a donation from the Parent Association, shipped last Sixth month by the agent. We most sincerely acknowledge the kindness of the managers in this act of generosity, additional to many previous ones of the same liberal character—and we must acknowledge too, and thank them also, not only on behalf of our Auxiliary, but for those who through us are made the recipients of their bounty, but may never have the opportunity in any other way to express their gratitude."

"In endeavouring to make this our first Annual Report, we cannot but express our most grateful feelings for the very liberal donation made to us. We have an extensive field of labour open before us. Situated as we are, in a newly settled portion of the country, most of us with young and rising families, we very plainly see the necessity of some plan to furnish all our members, capable of reading, with complete copies of the Holy Scriptures. This plan, we think, can be better carried out by means of Auxiliaries, than in any other way. And though great the labour before us may be, yet we hope by strictly attending to the great cause in which we have embarked, not only to furnish every family of Friends with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, but each member within our limits capable of reading the Holy Scriptures, with a copy thereof."

"We desire again to express our grateful acknowledgment to the Parent Association, for the very liberal donations which we have at different times received, and the satisfaction we have had in placing the Holy Scriptures in the reach of so many of our members." "The donation of [Bibles and Testaments] has been very acceptable; we have thereby been enabled to supply a considerable number of Friends with a copy of the Holy Scriptures, gratuitously, or at reduced prices, who were not well able to pay the full price."

"It is encouraging to know, by reports from our distributing committee, that in most cases the [Bible or Testament] gift has been thankfully received, and its value appreciated.

"It may be matter of surprise to you, that after distributing the number of books reported, we should have to report even a greater number of individuals unfurnished, than we did last year. It may be accounted for, partly on account of emigration, partly by imperfect reports caused by the great extent of our limits, but mostly by the increase of such cases by young persons growing up in our large number of young families. Causes which, together with others incident to a comparatively new country, will probably produce similar results for many years to come.

"With the hope of being able still further to assist in your benevolent designs, we remain your friends."

"The Auxiliary Bible Association of ———— Quarterly Meeting, in presenting their Annual Report, have to regret that the amount of labour performed, should have been so limited in comparison with the importance of the work in which they have been engaged; and believing that if the value of the Holy Scriptures, "in making wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus," were kept more in view, we should one and all be willing to assist with more assiduity in seeking out those among our fellow men who are not in possession of the Sacred Volume, and thus afford them the opportunity of becoming acquainted with its valuable contents. As regards the members of our religious Society, the work of this Association is diminishing within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, as will be seen by the small number of copies furnished to Friends. Yet

the field of labour open before us among others is very extensive, and we entertain the hope that members will not feel that their task is finished."

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Association, during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Association, within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Association: and what number of families of Friends reside within its limits?
- 4. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with the Holy Scriptures; and if so, how many?
- 5. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own a complete copy?
- 6. How many Bibles or Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?
- 7. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?
- 8. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?
- 9. What number would be necessary to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?
- 10*. What is the number of each kind of Bibles and Testaments now on hand?

Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

The objects and Constitution of the Bible Association of Friends in America, having the approbation of this meeting, it is agreed, that a Society be now formed under the following

^{*} A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

rules, to be called the "——— Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends," for the purpose of supplying Friends and others, in this vicinity, with the Holy Scriptures, encouraging the frequent and serious perusal of them, and promoting a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents; also, of co-operating with the Bible Association of Friends in America, in furthering their important objects in other places.

RIIIES

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the proceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the annual meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remit-

ted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

Sth. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Association, shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the Seventh-day preceding the third Second-day in the Fourth month; at which time the officers shall be appointed.—Constitution, Article 14th.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

AUXILIARY SOC	IEI	IES.
Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary	Bible	Association.
New York, New York,	do.	
Scipio, do.	do.	
Farmington, do.	do.	
Cornwall, do.	do.	
Duanesburg, do.	do.	
Purchase, do.	do.	
Saratoga, do.	do.	
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.	
Yonge Street, Upper Canada,	do.	
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.	
Bucks, do.	do.	
Red Stone, do.	do.	
Burlington, New Jersey,	do.	
Salem, do.	do.	
Haddonfield, do.	do.	
Upper Quarterly Meeting, Va.,	do.	
New Garden, N. C.,	do.	
Deep River, do.	do.	
Southern, do.	do.	
Eastern, do.	do.	
Stillwater, Ohio,	do.	
Miami, do.	do.	
Salem, do.	do.	•
Alum Creek, do.	do.	
Centre, do.	do.	
Flushing, do.	do.	
Fairfield, do.	do.	
New Garden, Indiana,	do.	
New Garden, Central, do.	do.	
Blue River, do.	do.	
White Water, do.	do.	
White Lick, do.	do.	
Westfield, do.	do.	
Springfield, do.	do.	
Western, do.	do.	
Spiceland, do.	do.	
Hamilton, do.	do.	
Northern, do.	do.	
Salem, Iowa,	do.	
Adrian, Michigan,	do	

FORMS OF LEGACY.

1. Form of a Bequest of Personal Estate.

"I give and bequeath to A. B. and A. C. and the survivor of them, and the executors and administrators of such survivor, the sum of in trust for the use of an Institution in Philadelphia,

known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and to be paid by the said Trustees to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution."

2. Form of a Devise of Real Estate.

"I give and devise to A. B. and C. D. and their heirs, all that (here describe the property) together with the appurtenances, to hold to them, the said A. B. and C. D. and the survivor of them, and the heirs of such survivors for ever; in trust nevertheless for the sole use and benefit of an Institution in Philadelphia, known by the name of 'The Bible Association of Friends in America,' and upon this further trust, absolutely to dispose of, and convey the same, either in fee, or for such other estate, and in such way and manner, as the members of the said Association shall, at any meeting or meetings, order, direct, and appoint."

The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

DEPOSITORY No. 50 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA.

PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

			Size of Bible or Testa- ment.	Number of Bible		How Bound.	Price to Auxiliaries, Subscribers, &B'ksellers.	Retail Price.
Reference Bible	with Fam. Rec.		8vo.			Calf, pt. bk. &c.		85 00
do.	do.	do.	do.		3 vols.		6 00	6 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.		Muslin	3 50	3 50
do.	do.	Fine	do.	No. 4	1 vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 50	1 75
du.	do,	do.	do.		2 vols.	do. do.	5 00	2 25
do.	do.	do.	do.		3 vols.	do. do.	2 50	2 75
do.	do.	do.	do.	No.5		Calf, do.	2 00	2 25
do.	do.	do.	do.		g vols.	do. do.	3 00	3 25
do.	do.	do.	do.		3 vols.	do. do.	4 00	4 25
School Bible			24mo.	No. 2	I vol.	Plain Sheep	65	75
do			do.		1 vol.	Shp. flexible bk.	08	1 00
do			do.	do.	1 vol.	Clf. embossed	1 75	2 00
do			do.	do.	1 vol.	do. do. & gilt	2 25	2 50
New Testamen	t		do.			Muslin		10
do.			do.			Skiver		12
do.			do.			Sheep bands	25	25
do.			do.			Clf. embossed	75	75
do.			do.			do. do. & gilt	1 00	1 00
do.	************	******	do.			Morocco do.	1 00	1 00
do.			do.			Pocket bk. form	75	75
do.	3		12mo.			bound Sheep	28	31
do.			do.			Plain Sheep	371	44
do.			do.			Sheep, extra	50	60
Testament and	Psaims, bound tog	ether				Plain Sheep	45	50
do.	do		do.			Sheep, extra	55	65

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE NINETEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1851.

PHILADELPHIA:

PRINTED BY JOSEPH RAKESTRAW, APPLE-TREE ALLEY, FIRST DOOR ABOVE FOURTH ST.

1851.

DESCRIPTION OF STREET

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

JOHN CARTER, SECRETARY.

BENJAMIN H. WARDER, TREASURER.

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JOHN LIPPINCOTT,
THEOPHILUS E. BEESLEY,

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers present the following Report of their proceedings, during the past year:

There have been issued from the Depository, for the year ending third month 31st, 1851, 1391 Bibles, 1427 Testaments, and 158 Testaments and Psalms, of which 366 Bibles, 440 Testaments, and 80 Testaments and Psalms were sold to Auxiliary Associations. 815 Bibles, 716 Testaments, and 60 Testaments and Psalms have been furnished to Auxiliaries, to be disposed of by sale or otherwise, at their discretion.

Since the establishment of the Association, there have been printed 23,350 copies of the Reference Bible, 12,530 of the 24mo School Bible, 15,196 of the 12mo Testament, and 5768 of the 24mo Testament—making an aggregate of 56,844 volumes.

1000 copies of the Reference Bible have been printed during the year, and an edition of 2000 copies of the 24mo Testament is in press. The editions of the 24mo Bible and 12mo Testament referred to in last Report, have been completed.

A summary of the receipts and payments during the year, and a statement of the stock of books on hand on the 1st inst., are herewith submitted.

Since last Report, we have received information of the establishment of an Auxiliary in Ohio, under the title of the "Chesterfield Auxiliary Bible Association of Friends." The Managers would again invite the attention of Friends throughout our country, to the consideration of the importance of promoting an increase in the number of these Associations, upon whose exertions they believe the future usefulness of our Institution will greatly depend. Upon the inquiries made by Auxiliaries, respecting the situation of Friends within their limits, in regard to a supply of the Holy Scriptures, we must mainly rely for such information as will enable us to make a judicious distribution of the means at our disposal. If an Auxiliary was formed within the limits of every Quarterly Meeting on this continent, agreeably to the original design of the founders of this Association, it would greatly facilitate the accomplishment of one of their primary objects, that every member of our Religious Society, capable of reading, might be furnished with a copy of the Sacred Volume.

Reports have been received from 21 Auxiliaries, viz.: Alum Creek, Fairfield, Flushing, Short Creek, and Chesterfield, Ohio; New Garden, White Lick, Honey Creek, Northern, Hamilton, White-water, Blue River, Springfield, Western, Westfield, and Spiceland, Indiana; Vassalborough, Maine; Eastern, North Carolina; Philadelphia, Penna.; Burlington, N. J., and Salem, Iowa.

From these Reports it is evident, that although much has been accomplished through their efforts, particularly in remote districts, a wide field for labour still remains, and we would encourage the members of Auxiliary Associations to renewed exertions, in the important work in which they are engaged.

One Auxiliary states in its Report—"We have an extensive field of labour, and are scattered over a large territory of newly settled country, the most of us with young and rising families, and many of us in limited circumstances; hence we very plainly see the necessity of some plan, to furnish our members with copies of the Holy Scriptures, which we think can be better carried out by means of Auxiliaries, than in any other way. We therefore have endeavoured to concentrate our strength in that way, sincerely hoping, that though feeble our efforts may be, that it may be a means of not only furnishing our members, but also encourage the frequent perusal of these invaluable writings."

Another remarks—"It affords us much satisfaction, from year to year, to be the almoners of the bounty of the Parent Association; and although it is but little that we seem to do, we feel however that the reward is sure, and that fruit may, in time appear, to the praise of the Author of life and salvation. We feel bound again to express our thankfulness and gratitude to the Managers, not only for ourselves, but on behalf of those whose hearts are made to rejoice by their donations, and whose feelings of gratitude can never otherwise be made known to them for their great liberality and Christian generosity to our Auxiliary."

Another mentions—"In making this our Annual Report, before proceeding to answer the queries, we desire to express our grateful acknowledgement, for the liberal donations which we have received in Bibles and Testaments at different times, which have enabled us to furnish quite a number of the poorer class with copies

gratuitously, and others that are not well able to pay the full value, at reduced prices; thus, through your kindness, a much greater number of Friends and their descendants have been furnished, than otherwise would have been, with these invaluable writings, and the grateful manner in which they are generally received, affords at least a hope, that a blessing awaits our feeble efforts to promote so good a work, and stimulates to further perseverance. It will be seen by our Reports, that much remains to be done before all our beloved young people can be supplied, which we feel to be an object worthy to be kept in view."

Another Auxiliary, alluding to a number of Bibles and Testaments purchased by them, remarks—"By reference to the above Report, it will be seen, that a very large proportion of the copies distributed, have been among our coloured population, who manifest an increasing desire to become possessors of the Holy Scriptures. May we not hope that more fruit will yet be manifest among this much injured race."

Another Auxiliary, within whose limits there are about 300 families of Friends, states—"That in forwarding to you an account of our proceedings the past year, we think it right to acknowledge, with feelings of gratefulness, that it has been through the liberality of the Parent Association, that we have been enabled, since our comparatively recent organization, to furnish many families and individuals with good copies of the Holy Scriptures. Within the past year, some young families as well as individuals, have been gratuitously furnished with good Reference Bibles, who would otherwise still

have remained destitute. To others who were not able to pay the full price, they have been sold at reduced prices. We know that our operations since our last Report have not been very large, yet we believe some good has arisen through our feeble efforts to promote the objects of the Association, and we feel encouraged by the lively interest manifested in the concern by many Friends, still to continue our labours, hoping eventually to be able to furnish each destitute member within our limits, with a complete copy of the Holy Scriptures."

Another mentions-"In endeavouring to make this our Second Annual Report, it is with renewed feelings of thankfulness, that we desire again to express our grateful acknowledgments to the Parent Association, for their very liberal donations to us, the last of which has just come to hand, and which will enable us to place the Holy Scriptures within the reach of many of our members, who are destitute of copies of the Sacred Volume. It is our sincere desire and endeavour to use the means thus placed in our power, to the best advantage, and as ability is afforded, do what we find to do, trusting our cause to Him who alone is able to direct and bless our feeble efforts. We have made a small donation of Testaments, to a settlement of coloured people in our vicinity, who are in destitute circumstances, and who, we are led to believe, appreciated the donation in that spirit of love and precious feeling of gratitude, which should characterize us all as Christians. We have endeavoured to answer the queries as well as we could, yet it has been somewhat difficult, considering the scattered situation of the members of our Monthly Meeting, which is fast increasing, and which will consequently increase the labour of the Auxiliary in the same ratio. Yet we hope our vigour in the good cause we have espoused, will not relax, until each member within our borders, capable of reading, is furnished with a suitable copy of the Holy Scriptures."

Another states—"You will perceive by our answers to the queries, that we are still making some efforts to furnish the destitute with copies of the Holy Scriptures, agreeably to the benevolent designs of the Parent Association. It may be a matter of surprise to you, that we have, for a number of years past, reported so large a number of individuals unfurnished with the Bible. It is accounted for mostly, by young persons in our large number of families, (about 460) becoming capable of reading. We feel encouraged to continue, with your kind assistance, our care in furnishing them."

Another Auxiliary mentions—"In making up our Annual Report at this time, we feel under more than ordinary obligations to the Parent Association. Your very liberal donation of Bibles and Testaments furnished to this Auxiliary about one year ago, was received in due time and in good order. Nearly all of them have been disposed of either at very reduced prices or gratuitously. We have heretofore endeavoured to explain to you some of the difficulties which we have to encounter, in giving explicit answers to the queries, and therefore we shall not particularize at this time. Owing to our peculiar circumstances in this western land, we feel it to be a duty thus gratuitously to distribute a portion of the Bibles and Testaments you have so liberally bestowed

upon us, thereby to minister to the necessities of our brethren of the same faith, to strengthen each other in good works, by endeavouring to place within the reach of all, that Book, which the united testimony of the best and wisest men, has pronounced to be the greatest of outward blessings. We feel that the spirit of Christian benevolence is a motive to action, which should never rest satisfied, while a fellow creature appeals to it for sympathy. And as we have been reminded by you, that the blessings of Divine Providence are to be considered as gifts in trust for the needy and afflicted, we have endeavoured, in our humble way, to act upon that principle. But while we have had an eye to such in our own Society, who are in destitute or limited circumstances, we have also as heretofore as occasion offered, handed a Bible to some who are not in immediate connection with us as a Religious Society. In conclusion, may the Holy Spirit shed its influence upon your labours, and upon the labours of all who are engaged in this great work."

Another states—"We hereby endeavour to forward to you our Annual Account of the Association, which falls below, we have no doubt, that of the labours of similar associations. Yet we feel encouraged to persevere in this most worthy of benevolent Institutions, when we consider how many individuals and some families, have been furnished with copies of these inestimable writings, the Holy Scriptures, who, in all probability, would have remained destitute thereof, if they had not been thus seasonably supplied, by the kind donations of the Parent Association, which have enabled us to fur-

nish, gratuitously, many deserving young persons with copies of the Holy Bible, which, in many instances, have been received with thankfulness."

Another Auxiliary, after mentioning that within their limits there are 16 families of Friends not supplied with a single copy of the Holy Scriptures, further states-"In endeavouring to make our first Report, to the Annual Meeting of the Parent Association, we have to regret the deficiencies apparent among us, in regard to a supply of the Holy Scriptures, as well as the small number of Friends, who appear ready to engage in the cause of endeavouring to supply those deficiencies. Although so little has yet been done, we hope that when we shall have received the liberal supply of Bibles and Testaments, so kindly offered by the Managers, to be furnished to this Auxiliary, with the efforts we may be enabled to make, in forwarding the great cause in which we have embarked, that many of the deficiencies now apparent, in regard to a supply of the Holy Scriptures among us, may soon be removed, and that more of our friends may see the necessity of becoming members of the Association, as a means of more readily furnishing every family and every member of our Religious Society, capable of reading, with a copy of the Bible."

As many of our Auxiliaries have not forwarded Reports, we have no information as to the condition of Friends within their limits, in regard to a supply of the Holy Scriptures, and are therefore unable to judge what number of Bibles and Testaments may be needed for distribution among them. As the Managers are desirous of making as large an appropriation of the Scrip-

tures annually among the Auxiliaries, as the means at their disposal will warrant, we would again request that all of them would forward their Annual Reports, in time to reach Philadelphia by the 1st of the fourth month.

A further investment of \$269 70, has been made on account of the fund, for the purchase of new stereotype plates, alluded to in the last Report. The amount now invested is \$519 70.

Soon after our appointment, in the fourth month last, we were deprived, by death, of the services of our valued friend, George Williams, who, for about twenty years, had been a Manager of this Association, and taken a lively interest in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. By a communication received from the Acting Executor of his Estate, we are informed that he has bequeathed to the Association the sum of one thousand dollars.

In taking a view of the important results, which, under the Divine blessing, have arisen from the circulation of the Sacred Volume, the Managers feel an earnest desire that a measure of that lively zeal, which characterized the efforts of the founders of this Association, many of whom are now gathered to their everlasting rest, may continue to animate those who succeed them in the prosecution of its concerns. When we consider the importance of the work in which we are engaged, affecting as it does the highest interests of the human race, and reflect that those of our fellow creatures who have not yet been blessed with the possession of the Holy Scriptures, appear to have made little advancement in the cause of true religion and morality, we cannot but believe it to

be a Christian duty, to make some sacrifice of time and means in promoting the dissemination of these precious records, which are declared to be "able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus, being given by inspiration of God, and profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Board of Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth mo. 17th, 1851.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

Agent's sal	ary, .								8400	00
Printing B	ibles and	Testan	nents,						323	17
Binding,	4.6	6	6						484	04
Paper for	44	6	4						652	08
Incidental	expenses,					-	÷		65	42
Repairs of	Depositor	y Build	ling, w	rater	-rent,	de.			92	85
Investment	on accou	Stereo	ind, fo	or pu Plate	rchas	e }			269	70
									2287	26
Balance on	hand Fo	urth m	o. 5th	, 18	51,				168	39
								8	2455	65

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Fourth mo. 8th, 1850,		\$ 388 38
Sales of Bibles and Testaments, to Auxiliaries,		790 79
Booksellers and others,		
Donation Account, Reimbursed and Paper Account,		34 26
Annual Subscriptions,		45 00
Rents of Depository Building, \$ 1345,		
less taxes, \$167 48,		1177 52
Interest on Lehigh Mortgage Loan,		19 70
		\$ 2455 65
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STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1851.

BOUND.

387 Reference Bibles,	8vo.
232 School "	24mo.
882 Testaments	12mo.
102 "	24mo.
71 Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.

IN SHEETS.

1041	Reference Bibles,	8vo.
501	School "	24mo.
257	Testaments,	12mo.
100	44	24mo.
150	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

The designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

ARTICLE III.

The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association, shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and the Minutes of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers, to whom the correspondence shall be submitted, at their Stated Meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

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Farmington,	do.	do.	
Cornwall,	do.	do.	
Duanesburg,	do.	do.	
Purchase,	do.	do.	
Saratoga,	do.	do.	
Ferrisburg, Ver	rmont,	do.	
Yonge Street, I	Jpper Canada,	do.	
Philadelphia, Pe	ennsylvania,	do.	
Bucks,	do.	do.	
Red Stone,	do.	do.	
Concord,	do.	do.	
Burlington, Ne	w Jersey,	do.	
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Haddonfield,	do.	do.	
Baltimore, Mar	yland,	do.	
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Southern,	do.	do.	
Eastern,	do.	do.	
Stillwater, O	hio,	do.	
Miami, d	0.	do.	
Salem, d	0.	do.	
Alum Creek, d	0.	do.	
Centre, d	0.	do.	
Flushing, d	0.	do.	
Fairfield, d	lo.	do.	
Short Creek, d	o.	do.	
Chesterfield, d	0.	do.	
New Garden,	Indiana,	do.	
New Garden, C	entral, do.	do.	
Blue River,	do.	do.	

White Water,	Indiana,	Auxiliary	Bible	Association
White Lick,	do.		do.	
Westfield,	do.		do.	
Springfield,	do.		do.	
Western,	do.		do.	
Spiceland,	do.		do.	
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The Depository of the Bible Association is at No. 50 North Fourth street, a few doors above Arch street. Communications respecting the business of the office may be addressed to John Richardson, Agent.

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA. DEPOSITORY No. 30 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA. PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

				Number of Bible		How Bound,	Price to Aux unreq er/bers, & N'ksellers.	Retail Price.
Reference Bible	with Fam. Re		8vo.	No. 8	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	-	\$5 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.		6 00	6 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.		Muslin	3 50	3 50
do.	do.	Fine	do.	No. 4	I vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &c.	1 50	1 75
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	2 00	2 25
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.		2 50	2 75
do.	do.	do.	do.	No. 5	1 vol.		3 00	2 25
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	do. do.	3 00	3 25
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	4 00	4 25
School Bible			24mo.		l vol.	Plain Sheep	65	75
do			do.	No. 6		Shp. flexible bk.	140	1 00
do			do.	do.		Clf. embossed .	1 75	2 00
do		f	do.	do.	l vol.	do. do. de gilt	2 25	2 50
New Testament			do.			Muslin		10
do.			do.			Skiver		124
do.			do.			Sheep bands	25	25
do.			do.			Clf. embossed	75	75
do,			do.			do. do. & gilt		1 00
do.			do.			Morocco do.	1 00	1 00
do.			do.			Pocket bk. form	75	75
do.			12mo.			hound Sheep	28	311
do.			do.			Plain Sheep	374	44
do.			do.			Sheep, extra		60
Testament and	Psalms, bound to	gether	do.			Plain Sheep	45	50
do.	do		do.			Sheep, extra	55	65

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

OF

FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE SEVENTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1852.

PHILADELPHIA:

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

THE Managers report, that there have been sold, or gratuitously disposed of during the past year, 1495 Bibles, 833 Testaments, and 98 copies of Testament and Psalms.

Of these 497 Bibles and 148 Testaments have been sold to Auxiliaries, and 781 Bibles and 502 Testaments have been furnished to Auxiliary Associations, for gratuitous distribution or sale at reduced prices, at their discretion.

An edition of 2000 copies of the School Bible is nearly finished, and one of 1000 Testaments and 500 Psalms is now in the press.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted, as well as of the stock of books on hand.

Reports have been received from 15 Auxiliaries, viz.: Alum Creek and Fairfield, Ohio; Western, Springfield, White Water, Westfield, Northern, Honey Creek, White Lick, Hamilton, Indiana; Vassalborough, Maine; Salem, Iowa; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Burlington, New-Jersey; and Eastern, North Carolina. A considerable number have not furnished the Parent Association with any account of their transactions during the year which has elapsed.

From the Reports received it appears, that in some neighbourhoods a lively interest continues to be felt in promoting the distribution and reading of the Holy Scriptures. The supplies furnished by the Managers for distribution have been gladly received, and many families who were either destitute or possessed of very inferior copies, have been furnished with good Bibles and Testaments. In some of the Auxiliaries, efforts have been made to furnish every individual capable of reading, with a copy. In one, including within its limits 1217 readers, all have been supplied excepting 140, mostly young children, and the work is still progressing. Considering the importance of an early acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, and the advantage to be derived from the private reading of them, it is greatly to be desired that the families of Friends may be so furnished, that each individual may have his own copy. The Managers have thought it right to aid, by liberal appropriations for this purpose, the efforts of those Associations whose situation seemed to require it.

The Bibles intended for gratuitous distribution, have been freely furnished to distant Auxiliaries. The rapid increase of Friends in newly settled districts, and the strenuous efforts required for the support of their families, give those settlements strong claims upon our sympathy; nor is the benefit to be derived from this labour of love confined to the recipients; we believe it often is the case, that those who are engaged to distribute the Holy Scriptures, are led to a more intimate acquaintance with their contents, and a more just appreciation of them.

One of the Reports acknowledges with much feel-

ing, that though its labours have not been extensive, much good has been done by the effort to carry out the objects of the Association; and the liberality of the Parent Association has enabled them to place the Holy Scriptures within reach of many, who would otherwise have been destitute.

It is gratifying to find by the Report of another, "that the meetings of the Association are becoming more and more interesting to Friends, which is evinced by the very large number who attend."

It is not deemed necessary to extend this Report by further extracts from the communications which have come to hand; they mostly concur in representing, that very considerable deficiencies still exist; and that the means of many of them are inadequate to the supply of their wants.

The Managers have again to regret, that in some places where Auxiliaries were once in active useful operation, they seem to have declined. They believe that in no other way can adequate supplies of the Scriptures be kept up, but by frequent examination, and they are satisfied that the examination will in many cases be productive of good to both parties. They cordially invite Friends in those neighbourhoods where no Auxiliaries have been formed, or where they have ceased to exist, or the interest in them has declined, to a consideration of this subject, and will be glad to co-operate with them should their aid be required.

The number of members of the Parent Association having considerably diminished by death or otherwise, efforts have been made by the Board to obtain additional subscriptions, which have been attended with considerable success.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, Fourth Month 17th, 1852.

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

Investment in \$ 1000 S Loan,	Spring Ga for Sinkin				}	. 4	\$ 1040	00
Agent's salary, .							400	00
Printing Bibles and To	estaments,						57	50
Binding, "	66						479	57
Paper for "	44						519	60
Repairs to Stereotype	Plates,						3	32
Incidental expenses, in of A	ncluding tonual Rep	he pri	inting	3			110	01
Repairs to Depository							67	15
Water-rent, on "	4.6						22	50
							2699	65
Balance on hand Four	th mo. 12	th, 18	52,				704	91
							\$ 3404	56
							-	

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Fourth mo. 5th, 1851, .		. \$ 168 39	9
Legacy of George Williams, appropriated to			
the Sinking Fund, for Stereotype plates,	٠	. 950 00)
Book Account,		. 226 51	1
Auxiliaries for Bibles and Testaments, .		. 399 49	2
Donations Returned,		. 112 57	7
Annual Subscriptions,		. 81 00	Ü
Life Subscriptions,			0
Interest on Investment for Sinking Fund, .		. 130 20	0
Rents of Depository Building, \$ 1205,			
less taxes, \$168 53, .		. 1036 47	7
			-
		\$ 3404 50	3

STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1852.

BOUND.

356 Reference Bibles,	Svo.
285 School "	24mo.
715 Testaments	12mo.
438 "	24mo.
96 Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.

IN SHEETS.

527 Reference Bibles, (folded	l) 8vo.
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Stillwater, O	hio,	do.	
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Salem, d	lo.	do.	
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Centre,	lo.	do.	
Flushing,	lo.	do.	
Fairfield,	do.	do.	
Short Creek, o	lo.	do.	
Chesterfield, o		do.	
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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA. DEPOSITORY No. 30 NORTH FOURTH STREET, UP STAIRS, PHILA. PRICES OF BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

				N mber of Bible	Number of Vols.	How Bound.	Price to Aux saries, Subscribers, & Si knellers.	Retail Price.
Reference Bi	ble with Fam. Rec.		8vo.	No. 8	2 vols.	Calf, pt. bk. &c.	\$5 00	95 00
do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.		6 00	6 00
do.	do,	do.	do.	do.	2 vols.	Muslin	3 50	3 50
do.	do.	Fine	do.		l vol.	Shp. pt. bk. &cc.	1 50	1 75
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do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	3 vols.	do. do.	2 50	2 73
do.	do.	do.	do.	No. 5		Calf, do.	2 00	2 23
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School Bible			24mo.		I vol.	Plain Sheep	65	7.5
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do.			do.			Sheep bands	25	25
do.			do.			Clf. embossed	75	75
do.			do.			do. do. & gilt	1 00	1 00
do.			do.			Morocco do.	1 00	1 00
do.			do.			Pocket bk. form	75	75
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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION

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FRIENDS IN AMERICA:

READ AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, HELD ON THE EVENING OF THE SIXTEENTH OF FOURTH MONTH, 1853.

PHILADELPHIA:

PRINTED BY JOSEPH RAKESTRAW, APPLE-TREE ALLEY.

1853.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

The Managers report, that there have been sold or gratuitously disposed of during the past year, 1768 Bibles, 1532 Testaments, and 145 copies of Testaments and Psalms. Of these, 1177 Bibles and 1197 Testaments, have been furnished to Auxiliary Associations, for gratuitous distribution or sale at reduced prices, at their discretion.

An edition of 1000 copies of the Reference Bible has been printed, and one of 2000 of the 24mo. Testament; and one of 1000 of the 12mo. Testament are now in press.

A statement of the Treasurer's account, exhibiting the receipts and disbursements, is herewith submitted; and also an account of the stock of books on hand.

Reports have been received from 12 Auxiliaries, viz: White Lick, Westfield, Hamilton, Spiceland, Northern, Western, Blue River, New Garden, and White Water, Indiana; Fairfield, Ohio; Salem, Iowa; and Philadelphia. From a considerable number no reports have been received.

It was within the limits of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings, that the greatest deficiency in a supply of good copies of the Holy Scriptures formerly existed. The Auxiliary Associations in that quarter have manifested much activity and benevolent zeal, in ascertaining the wants of Friends in their respective localities, and supplying them as occasion offered; in doing which

they have been aided from time to time by donations from the Parent Association.

The reports from one or more being incomplete, the number of individuals or families supplied gratuitously, by those which have furnished statements of their proceedings during the past year, cannot be exactly ascertained; but it is probably not less than 800; besides which, a considerable number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by them.

By the Reports received at this time, we have the gratifying information from no less than nine of the Western Auxiliaries, within whose limits about three thousand families of Friends reside, that it is believed each of them is furnished with one or more copies of the sacred volume, and for the most part with Reference Bibles.

In view of the great importance of an early acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures, the Managers have encouraged the Auxiliary Associations to endeavour, as far as practicable, and in their judgment expedient, to supply individuals, including the younger members of Friends' families, so that each one capable of reading may own a Bible.

Some of the Auxiliaries have made considerable progress toward the attainment of this desirable object, and one of them mentions, that out of 1200 members capable of reading, nearly all are supplied who have come to sufficient years to render it necessary; much still remains to be accomplished within the limits of others.

One Report states, "it appears from present indications, that we shall be able to dispose of a larger number of Bibles by sale the present year, than formerly; while it is evident, that a larger number will have to be gratuitously disposed of; while a great number of the junior members of our Society will for a time be individually unsupplied; but our members, committees, and agents, have been encouraged to increased activity in promoting the cause, and to endeavour to stimulate this interesting class to procure and peruse the Sacred Volume."

Another says; "we desire to express our grateful acknowledgments for the very liberal donation of Bibles and Testaments granted us during the past year; and rejoice that we have thereby been enabled to supply the wants of many with copies of these valuable writings. We also feel encouraged in the belief, that there is an increased interest felt among the members of our Society, within our limits in this interesting work, which has been manifested by the increased number who have become members of our Auxiliary during the past year; and also, by the number generally in attendance at our meetings."

Another says; "we desire to express our grateful acknowledgment, for the liberal donation of Bibles and Testaments received in the seventh month last, which has enabled us to furnish quite a number of the poorer class of our members with copies gratuitously, and others at reduced prices. Thus through your kindness a much greater number of Friends and their descendants, have been furnished with these invaluable writings. It will be seen by our Report that much remains to be done, before all our young people can be supplied, which we feel to be an object worthy to be kept in view."

Considering the great advantage that has resulted

from the well directed efforts of many of the Auxiliary Associations, we would earnestly invite Friends, in those parts where there are now none in active operation, to a consideration of the subject, and inform them, that the Managers will be glad to second their endeavours by donations of Bibles and Testaments, to be disposed of in their discretion, either gratuitously or by sale, at low prices.

On recurring to the sorrowful deficiency which existed among the members of our religious Society, in various parts of the country when this Association was established, it is felt to be cause of satisfaction and thankfulness, that it has been enabled to contribute so essentially towards bringing about a better state of things in this respect. There is, however, still a wide field of useful labour remaining to be occupied; and it is to be hoped, that neither the Bible Association of Friends in America, nor its Auxiliary Branches, will relax their exertions when the wants of our own members appear to be in good measure supplied.

True Christian philanthropy teaches us to regard all mankind as our brethren, and we should esteem it a privilege, to be instrumental in any degree, in promoting the welfare of our fellow creatures, especially of those, who in the allotment of Divine Providence, have received fewer temporal advantages than ourselves.

There is a large class of persons, who though not in membership with Friends, make the same religious profession, and generally attend our meetings for Divine worship; next after our own members, the wants of these may with great propriety be investigated and supplied; and finally, those of individuals, of whatever religious profession, who are thrown upon our observation and notice.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

WILLIAM BETTLE, Secretary.

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Philadelphia, Fourth month 14th, 1853.

Agent's salary,

Summary of the Treasurer's Account.

PAYMENTS.

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STOCK OF BOOKS ON HAND, FOURTH MONTH 1st, 1853.

BOUND.	396	Reference Bibles,	Svo.
	160	School "	24mo.
	423	Testaments	12mo.
	372	66	24mo.
	50	Testaments and Psalms,	12mo.
SHEETS FOLDED.	816	Reference Bibles,	Svo.
	525	School Bibles,	24mo.
	292	Testaments,	12mo.
	413	" and Psalms,	12mo.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

ARTICLE I.

THE designation of this Society, shall be "The Bible Association of Friends in America."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be, to encourage a wider circulation, as well as a more frequent and serious perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and to promote a more accurate knowledge of their invaluable contents.

ARTICLE III.

The attention of this Association, shall be first directed to furnishing the Bible to such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may not be duly supplied; and also, as its funds will permit, to other persons.

ARTICLE IV.

Any person paying to the Treasurer of this Institution, Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

ARTICLE V.

The Officers of this Association shall be, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee of Correspondence, and a Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

The Association shall appoint annually, fifteen of its members as Managers, to conduct its business. They shall be entrusted with the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in such manner, and at such prices, as they may judge proper, consistent with the objects of this Association. They shall have the power of filling such vacancies in the list of Officers, or of the Managers, as may occur in the recess of the Association; and the minutes of their proceedings shall be laid before the Association, at its Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

A Committee of three persons shall be appointed annually, to correspond with Societies or individuals, on behalf of this Association, under the direction of the Managers, to whom the correspondence shall be submitted, at their Stated Meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and keep in trust, all monies and title deeds, and papers relating to the real estate of the Association; he shall pay all orders drawn by it on the Board of Managers; shall make a quarterly statement of his accounts to the latter; and he shall also make an Annual Report to them at their Meeting in the fourth month, of his receipts and payments during the past year; which report shall be submitted, after due examination, to the Annual Meeting of the Association. He shall deposit all monies received by him, on account of the Association, in its name, in one of the Banks in the City of Philadelphia, and pay all orders by checks; and he shall keep the accounts in a separate book, provided for the purpose.

ARTICLE IX.

All the Officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers; and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X.

Each member of the Association shall be entitled to a return of onehalf of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments, at the Society's lowest prices, at any time during the year in which the subscription is made, under such regulations as the Managers may establish.

ARTICLE XI.

Such members of the Religious Society of Friends, as may form themselves into Bible Associations, under the rules recommended by this Association, shall be considered as Auxiliaries, and entitled to privileges hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE XII.

The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles and Testaments, at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums not so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects. Auxiliary Societies complying with these regulations, shall be entitled to send delegates to attend the Annual Meetings of the Bible Association.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every person paying to the Treasurer of an Auxiliary Society, the sum of Twenty-five dollars at one time, or three dollars annually, and being a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall, on producing a receipt for such payment, be entitled to the privileges of membership in this Association.

ARTICLE XIV.

The Annual Meetings of the Association shall be held in Philadelphia, on the evening of the seventh-day preceding the third second-day in the fourth month, at which time the Officers shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XV.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, but at an Annual Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XVI.

Any member of this Association, ceasing to be a member of the Religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association. Rules for the government of the Auxiliary Associations.

BIII.ES.

1st. Any person paying to the Treasurer dollars at one time, or dollars annually, and being a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall be a member of this Association.

2nd. Any member of the Bible Association of Friends in America, residing in this district, shall be considered a member of this Auxiliary Association.

3rd. The officers of this Association shall be a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee of Correspondence.

4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of the Secretary, Treasurer, and members, to be chosen annually: they shall have the power of filling vacancies in their own body, and shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Association, during its recess: they shall meet monthly, and keep fair minutes of all their proceedings, which, with the correspondence, shall be laid before the Association at its Quarterly meetings.

5th. The Association shall meet once in three months, on the day of . At the first Quarterly Meeting in each year, a statement of the accounts, and of the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, and on hand, shall be exhibited; the several officers appointed; and a detailed report of the pro-

ceedings during the preceding year, be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Bible Association of Friends in America; to attend the Annual Meeting of which, delegates may be appointed.

6th. The amount of subscriptions and donations to this Association, after deducting the necessary expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Treasurer of the Bible Association of Friends in America, in consideration of the provision made in the tenth article of its Constitution, viz: "The full amount paid by Auxiliary Societies to the Treasurer of this Association, shall be returned to them, if demanded within the current year, in Bibles or Testaments at the lowest prices, subject to the regulations which may be established by the Managers; but all sums no so demanded, shall remain at the disposal of this Association, to aid in promoting its general objects."

7th. Every subscriber to this Association shall be entitled to a return of one-half of the amount of his life or annual subscription, in Bibles or Testaments at cost, under such regulations as may be hereafter adopted.

8th. The members of the Association shall appoint committees, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions in their respective neighbourhoods, and to inquire what families, individuals or schools, are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and make report thereof to the Association or the Committee of Correspondence, in order that they may be promptly supplied, either at prime cost or otherwise, according to circumstances.

9th. A list of such committees shall be kept by the Secretary; and at every Quarterly Meeting, each committee shall be called upon to report the state of its neighbourhood; the amount of moneys collected, and the number of Bibles and Testaments distributed or required.

10th. Any member ceasing to be a member of the religious Society of Friends, shall cease to be a member of this Association.

QUERIES ADDRESSED TO AUXILIARIES.

- 1. What number of families or individuals have been gratuitously furnished with the Holy Scriptures by the Auxiliary during the past year?
- 2. What number of Bibles and Testaments have been sold by the Auxiliary, within the past year?
- 3. How many members, male and female, are there belonging to the Auxiliary.
 - 4. What number of families of Friends reside within its limits?
- 5. Are there any families of Friends within your limits not supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures in good clear type, and on fair paper; if so, how many?
- 6. How many members of our Society, capable of reading the Bible, do not own such a copy of the Holy Scriptures?
- 7. How many Bibles and Testaments may probably be disposed of by sale within your limits?
- 8. Is the income of the Auxiliary sufficient to supply those within its limits who are not duly furnished with the Holy Scriptures?
- 9. What number of Bibles and Testaments would it be necessary for the Bible Association to furnish gratuitously to enable the Auxiliary to supply each family?
- 10. What number would be required in order to furnish each member of our religious Society, capable of reading, who is destitute of a copy, and unable to purchase it?
- 11*. How many Bibles and Testaments of each kind are now on hand?

^{*} A full and explicit answer to this, with the other Queries, is particularly requested.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Vassalborough, Maine, Auxiliary Bible Association.

New York, New York,	do.
Scipio, do.	do.
Farmington, do.	do.
Cornwall, do.	do.
Duanesburg, do.	do.
Purchase, do.	do.
Saratoga, do.	do.
Ferrisburg, Vermont,	do.
Yonge Street, Upper Canada	a, do.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	do.
Bucks, do.	do.
Red Stone, do.	do.
Concord, do.	do.
Burlington, New Jersey,	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Haddonfield, do.	do.
Baltimore, Maryland,	do.
Upper Quarterly Meeting, V	7a., do.
New Garden, N. C.,	do.
Deep River, do.	do.
Southern, do.	do.
Eastern, do.	do.
Stillwater, Ohio,	do.
Miami, do.	do.
Salem, do.	do.
Alum Creek, do.	do.
Centre, do.	do.
Flushing, do.	do.
Fairfield, do.	do.
Short Creek, do.	do.
Chesterfield, do.	do.
New Garden, Indiana,	do.
New Garden, Central, do.	do.
Blue River, do.	do.

White Water,	Indiana, A	uxiliary Bible	Association.
White Lick,	do.	do.	
Westfield,	do.	do.	
Springfield,	do.	do.	
Western,	do.	do.	
Spiceland,	do.	do.	
Hamilton,	do.	do.	
Northern,	do.	do.	
Honey Creek,	do.	do.	
Concord,	do.	do.	
Salem, Iowa,		do.	
Adrian, Michigan	,	do.	

FORMS OF LEGACY.

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BENJAMIN H. WARDER, Treasurer.

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SAMUEL BETTLE, Jr.

MANAGERS.

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John Elliott,
Joseph Rakestraw,
Charles Ellis,
Townsend Sharpless,
George G. Williams,
John Lippincott,
Theophilus E. Beesley,

Horatio C. Wood, William Bettle, Charles Williams, Uriah Hunt, John M. Whitall, Thomas Evans, Richard Richardson.

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BIBLE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS.

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The Managers Report,

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A statement of the Treasurers account exhibiting the receipts and disbursements is herewith submitted and also an account of the stock of books on hand.

Our esteemed Friend Margaret Sheppard lately deceased bequeathed \$500 to the Association, and this sum has been paid to our Treasurer. It is expected that the Legacy of One thousand dollars bequeathed by our late esteemed Friend John Paul and payable on the decease of his widow will soon be received. It is intended that the amount of these Legacies shall be invested so as to increase the permanent funds of the Association.

Reports have been received from II Auxiliaries, viz: Vassolborough, Maine, Burlington, N.J., Philadelphia, Fairfield & Alum Creek, Ohio, White Lick, Concord, Hamilton and White Water, Indiana, Salem and Three Rivers, Iowa.

One new Auxiliary has been recognized since the last Annual Meeting, viz: that of Concord, Indiana. From a number of them no Reports have been received, but an examination of those which have come to hand shows that our friends who are willing to cooperate with us in various parts of this widely extended country, continue sensible of the interest and importance of the work in which we are jointly engaged.

The gratuitous distribution to the more distant Auxiliaries appears to have been accaptable & useful, as will be shown by a few extracts from the Reports.

One Auxiliary says "We desire sincerely to express our most grateful feelings to you, for your very liberal supply of Bibles & Testaments to us the past year, thereby placing in our power the means of doing much good". Another "We believe that much good has arisen to Friends within our limits, through our feeble endeavours to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. Another "We can most thankfully acknowledge the reception of a box of Bibles & Testaments from the Managers, which has enabled us to furnish some families and several individuals with good Bibles and Testaments, which have generally been thankfully received. We have an extensive field of labour open before us, situated as we are in a new country and many of us with young and rising families, and in but limited circumstances yet we do not feel like relaxing our labours in the cause we have so recently embarked in, but owing to our wide spread borders and frequent immigration, we have but little hopes of soon being able to supply all our members with the Sacred Volume, " All To pranciple and no blinger Lan

within the limits of some of them there appears to be still room for a good deal of labour before every member of the Society of Friends capable of reading shall be furnished with a good copy of the Bible. In others there is not much remaining to be done in that respect, but we think it highly desirable that Auxiliaries thus favourably circumstanced should keep up their organization and continue their interest in this work of Christian benevolence. We feel the value

of their aid and cooperation, and would suggest that when the wants of our own members are adequately provided for, they should in the exercise of a just discretion in some measure extend the sphere of their operations, more particularly among those who though not in membership with Friends yet attend our Religious Meetings. wants of their coloured neighbors may with great propriety be investigated and supplied, and we apprehend not unfrequently other cases will come to their knowledge in which they may have reason to believe donations of the Sacred Volume will confer a benefit upon the recepients. We would repeat the invitation heretofore extended to Friends in those neighborhoods, where no Auxiliaries have been formed or when they have been suffered to decline to an examination of the subject, and can assure them of the cordial cooperation and aid of this Association, if they feel disposed to join in this labour of love. withstanding the endeavours used for years past to ascertain and supply the wants of Friends generally we apprehend there, may, still, be, localities where no Auxiliaries exist, and yet where the members of our Religious Society, are but imperfectly furnished with the Sacred Writings. In such places Auxiliary Associations might be formed to great advantage and our dear friends who may engage in the performance of this Christian duty may it is to be hoped, be themselves benefitted by the close attention they will probably thus be induced to give to the Holy Scriptures which "Are, able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Managers.

Philada. 4MO.I3th.I854. William Bettle, Secretary.

SUMMARY OF THE TREASURERS ACCOUNT.

Payments.

Salary of Agent \$400.00
Paper 1456.73
Printing 527.14 1455 5 1
Binding
Repairs to Depository Build-
ing 106.17
Packing Boxes 16.71
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